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Cabinet seeks union deal to save Ford jobs

Rifkind leads call for single union pledge

By Martin Fletcher, Roland Rudd and Daniel Ward

The Government is prepared to make last-ditch efforts to persuade Ford of America to invest in a £40 million electronics components plant in Dundee, provided the unions give cast-iron guarantees of co-operation.

The ministers' move came as Ford yesterday confirmed its decision to pull out of the 1,500-job project.

But government sources made it clear that ministers would be prepared to talk to Ford themselves only if they were given a "categorical assurance" of a change of heart from the unions.

The Prime Minister, said to be dismayed at the unions squabbling, is expected to couple this effective demand for union concessions with an attack on their behaviour at the Conservative Party Central Council meeting in Buxton, North Derbyshire, today.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is expected to blame inter-union disputes for the likely loss of millions of pounds of inward investment and the destruction of 1,500 jobs in Dundee, an unemployment blackspot.

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She is to ask whether the union leaders were really representing the interests of working people or their own short-term political interests.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, yesterday called a special meeting of the Ford unions in an eleventh-hour attempt to achieve a settlement between the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which signed the single-union deal at the heart of the dispute, and the Transport and General Workers, which threatened that no component manufactured in the factory would be installed in Ford cars made in Britain.

But it seemed last night that all sides were locked in their respective positions.

While there was no official communication between ministers and Ford yesterday, it was clear that Whitehall had been talking to the company's executives with a view to establishing whether or not the door on Dundee was slammed shut or still ajar.

Publicly at least, Ford both in Britain and at its Detroit headquarters maintained the stance that the issue was resolved and that the Dundee plant was no longer under consideration. "As far as we are concerned, the Dundee project is dead," one US spokesman said.

Mr Lou Raspovac, personnel manager of the electrical division that would have controlled Dundee, denied any suggestion that Ford's were merely taking a tough bargaining position with their announcement.

"The decision was intended to be final and not a bargaining ploy," he said. "We are not attempting to play at brinkmanship".

But Scottish Office officials were continuing their round-the-clock efforts to keep all channels of communication, despite the finality of the messages from America.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said: "The only basis on which Ford can be asked to reconsider is if the unions made clear they were completely withdrawing all their objections - no talk of new packages or new intitiatives or time for negotiation."

However he emphasized that he was not optimistic that the unions, who over five months had "woefully failed to get their act together", would be able to settle their differences in time.

Nor would he be optimistic of persuading Ford to reconsider because "frankly it is too late in the day for this sort of death bed repentance to be at all persuasive."

Yesterday a similar line was taken by Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the engineering union , which is at the centre of the dispute after its signing of a single union agreement for the Dundee plant last October.

He said the AEU would press a meeting with Ford in Detroit providing it could get assurances from the TUC on the single-union issue.

"If we can get those assurances then all is not lost," he said

Ford said any British trade union delegation arriving in Detroit in an attempt to save the Dundee project would be received by executives of Ford's Electrical and Electronics Division which would have operated the new factory.

"All the indications are that the decision will not be reversed but we will listen to the unions", a spokesman said in Detroit.

In the wave of astonishment and dismay at the loss of the project British Government officials have been making behind the scenes contact with Detroit-based executives.

In Ford's official announcement made yesterday Mr Frank Macher, general manager, said: "We have decided not to proceed with development of a new electronics plant in Scotland".

"We are very sorry to have been forced to this conclusion; the plain facts are that we could not make it work successfully in the way we had hoped.

"We had in mind a small electronics plant, which would be competitive in its industry, in cost and quality. This necessitated, in our view, a single trade union."

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China plan for HK democracy

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Chinese Government is planning to give Hong Kong more democracy, not less, when Britain gives up its sovereignty in 1997.

The colony's 5.2 million potential electors are to be given a far more direct role in managing their affairs when it becomes a "Special Administrative Region" of China.

Peking's intentions have been revealed by a working draft of the post-1997 constitution, which is not due for publication until May.

The document was obtained by Dr John Marek, Labour MP for Wrexham, and *The Times* has independently confirmed that it is authentic. It is an early draft, but sources confirm that it reflects the views of China's Basic Law Drafting Committee. The final version is expected to be broadly similar.

Under British rule none of Hong Kong's 56 legislative representatives is directly elected. In 1991 18 per cent will be directly elected.

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Union's threat to quit the TUC

By Roland Rudd

The Amalgamated Engineering Union is ready to leave the TUC, bringing about a major split in the trade union movement, following Ford of America's decision to cancel its £40 million Scottish plant because of opposition to the single-union deal it signed with the AEU.

Mr Bill Jordan, president of the AEU, said yesterday: "This whole episode shows the unacceptable face of trade unionism. If the TUC ever tells us we cannot conduct our own business then we will have to consider our future. Trade unions have got to end their death wish by fighting their own kind."

The engineering union has reacted with bitterness and dismay at the TUC's inability to give it the green light to sign its single-union deal.

Mr Gavin Laird, AEU general secretary, was yesterday scathing about the trade unions' failure to "realise or accept" that Ford was not bluffing when it threatened to cancel its proposed Dundee plant if the single-union deal did not go ahead. "This is the worst example of the problem with the TUC's structure" he said.

Mr Laird added that he still hoped that he could change the trade union movement from within but he admitted that the loss of the Ford plant at Dundee, which would have eventually created 1,500 jobs in an area of chronic unemployment, had hardened executive opinion against the TUC. Both Mr Jordan and Mr Laird hope to stay in the TUC, but not at any cost.

The Transport and General Workers Union, Britain's largest, has the support of some centrist trade union leaders for a motion to suspend the



Mr Laird: Debacle has hardened executive's position

electricians for their ferocious independence.

Trade union leaders, angered by the electricians single-union, strike-free deals, are confident that the the TUC will next Wednesday suspend the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, for its admitted breach of TUC directives over its association with News International in Wapping.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU, has had difficulty in persuading his 14-man executive not to leave the TUC permenantly if the union is suspended.

Mr Jordan said the TUC could not afford another "Ford debacle".

Prince flies back to Switzerland



The Prince of Wales paying a surprise visit to Mrs Palmer-Tomkinson at her Davos hospital yesterday. The Prince was accompanied by her husband, Charles Palmer-Tomkinson.

Sandinista attack slows as US troops settle in

From Christopher Thomas, Palmerola Air Force Base, Honduras

Sandinista troops halted their devastating advance against Contra positions in dense jungle along the Honduran-Nicaraguan border yesterday as United States combat troops continued to pour into Palmerola Air Force Base, the heart of America's military presence in Honduras.

The Honduran Air Force, bowing to American pressure for a show of force against the Sandinistas, dropped a single bomb just inside Nicaraguan territory along the Coco river.

It almost hit some Sandinista soldiers and narrowly missed a group of journalists, mostly American, taken to the combat zone by Nicaraguan military officials.

Two other bombs fell harmlessly on the Honduran side. The action was immensely popular throughout Honduras, reflecting national anger at the incursion of Nicaraguan troops in pursuit of Contra rebels.

Señor Carlos Lopez Contreras, the Honduran Foreign Minister, said the Air Force "apparently" shot down a Nicaraguan Soviet-made military helicopter on the Honduran side of the border, using US-supplied F 5 jet fighters. The planes encountered Soviet-made anti-aircraft missiles from Nicaraguan forces positioned on a hill inside Honduras, according to Señor Contreras. The helicopter was said to be involved in an attack on an airstrip — clearly one used by the Contras.

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It was the first time the Honduran military has reacted so strongly to border crossings by Nicaraguan troops. For days the Reagan Administration has been urging the government of President José Azcona to save the Contras from the onslaught, but it is clear that he has no intention of mounting a significant offensive.

With little to do and nowhere to go, the 3,200 combat troops the US has sent to Honduras have contented themselves with pitching large tents and laying out sleeping bags and air mattresses.

The atmosphere is calm, casual and almost carnival like, since every soldier knows he is barred by congressional edict from combat and entering the dangerous border zone. Since February 29, even the Central Intelligence Agency has been forced out of the area, where it arranged Contra resupply operations and gave tactical advice.

Soon after dawn yesterday 700 troops from the 82nd Airborne Division descened by parachute into a clearing alongside a scrubby hamlet called La Paz — "peace" — in a carefully staged publicity stunt. The drop zone was lined with American television crews: the arrival proved far more photogenic for yesterday's US evening news than

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Cause of avalanche probed

From Alan Hamilton
Zurich

The Prince of Wales yesterday returned to Klosters, the scene of last week's skiing tragedy, amid conflicting reports that the avalanche which killed Major Hugh Lindsay and severely injured Mrs Pattie Palmer-Tomkinson could have been caused by the royal skiing party.

Flying in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, the Prince landed at Zurich and drove immediately to Davos to visit Mrs Palmer-Tomkinson, who is in hospital with serious leg injuries and a collapsed lung. Mrs Palmer-Tomkinson, aged 46, has this week had a second operation to attach metal plates to the bones of her legs, but was said by the hospital to be in a satisfactory condition.

"I don't want to say anything at all," the Prince told reporters on arrival at the hospital. He was accompanied by Mrs Palmer-Tomkinson's husband, Charles.

The Prince, who is expected to return home during the

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Optimism returns to City

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Share prices moved strongly higher yesterday, as the City finally responded to the Budget and the cut in base rates which followed it.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 27.4 points up at 1,855.5, amid hopes that Thursday's base rate cut could be repeated soon if the pound strengthens on the foreign exchanges.

The pound rose above DM3.10 yesterday morning, adding to City optimism, but eased back on profit-taking to close a pfennig down on the day at DM3.0882. It slipped by 1.3 cents to $1.8225 against a firm dollar.

Worries about the implications for credit growth of the cut in base rates eased with the announcement by the Bank of England of a sharp slowdown in bank lending last month. Lending rose by £2.6 billion, well down on the £5.5 billion rise in January.

Borrowing by individuals, other than for mortgages, turned into a net repayment as people paid off the credit card balances they had run up for Christmas spending.

But mortgage lending looks certain to remain strong. New mortgage commitments last month were £4.35 billion, 75 per cent up on a year earlier. The building societies expect strong demand for mortgages from unmarried couples after the Budget.

People have until August 1 to claim more than one set of £30,000 mortgage interest relief on the same house or flat. After that date the relief will be restricted to one per property.

Latest figures for growth in the economy showed a 4.4 per cent expansion last year.

There is evidence that demand for televisions, videos, washing machines, fridges and other durable goods could be approaching saturation point.

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Loyalist quizzed over 13 murders

A man arrested after the gun and grenade attack in a Belfast cemetery on Wednesday is being questioned by police about the murder of at least 13 Roman Catholics.

The "loyalist", from east Belfast, is being questioned about 10 murders of Catholics in the Belfast area over the past five years as well as those of the three mourners at Milltown Cemetery during the funeral of the three IRA members shot in Gibraltar.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said he was expected to be charged with the cemetery killings and other crimes.

Police conducting interviews with the man at the military wing of the Musgrave Hospital, have been drawing on a list of sectarian murders. They are also investigating reports that a man might have been operating in Ulster as a freelance "hitman".

Last night, security sources said that the responsibility for the murders in question was claimed at the time by both the Ulster Freedom Fighters and by the Ulster Volunteer Force, the two main loyalist para-military organizations.

One of the murders about which the man has been questioned is that of Kevin McPolin, a Catholic believed to have been killed by the UDA in late 1985.

Police inquiries are following up the possibility that the man might have been acting on behalf of a para-military organization known as the Red Hand Commando Group. They were also looking at the possibility that a Browning pistol and grenades were supplied by Ulster Resistance, a fanatical loyalist group based outside of Belfast.

A second man arrested after the cemetery bombing is expected to be released without charge.

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Europe and US plan £11 billion space station

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

The construction of the first international space station was agreed between the European Space Agency and the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration yesterday.

The go-ahead on the £11 billion project, the largest international civil space venture ever undertaken, follows two years of tough negotiation.

Britain is the only major industrial country not taking part in the programme, which has been expanded to include Japan and Canada. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, told the ESA last month that the British space budget would be concentrated instead on Earth-observing satellites.

The international space station is due to go into orbit in the late 1990s, and will be made up of three laboratories, built separately by the United States, Europe and Japan. The £2.3 billion European contribution will include an unmanned laboratory orbiting independently of the main station, and an Earth observation platform.

Dr Garry Hunt, a council member of the United Kingdom Space Society, said yesterday that a considerable number of British firms, including British Aerospace which was to have been the prime contractor for the unmanned space platform, had lost valuable work from the Government's decision to pull out.

He said that the decision would have long-term effects for the United Kingdom: "I think we're losing our cutting edge in technology by opting out".

Yesterday's agreement was made against a background of European fears that the space station would be used for military purposes by the Pentagon. Members of the ESA are forbidden by the agency's constitution from taking part in any programme involving defence work.

It is unclear to what extent experiments connected with the United States Strategic Defence Initiative will be allowed once the station is built.

● Soviet scientists are working around the clock to prepare their space shuttle for an unmanned test flight by June, officials said yesterday.

Mr Alexander Dunayev, head of the Soviet space agency Glavkosmos, said the Soviet Union planned to use the actual shuttle, not a dummy, in the test flight. More than one of the craft would be built.

His comments, made at a news conference to discuss the launch next Thursday of an Indian satellite by a Soviet rocket, were the most detailed to date about the shuttle. The Soviets are believed to have been developing their own winged re-usable spacecraft since at least 1982, but Soviet officials did not confirm the project until December 1984 and have released little information

Mr Dunayev said: "We are now working quite energetically on testing on land, on the surface, of the components. We are working literally round the clock." The launch would be "in the nearest future".

NEWS ROUNDUP

Gas bills and rail fares to rise 6%

British Gas and British Rail yesterday announced price rises averaging 6 per cent, well above the rate of inflation. Gas will go up on April 1 and InterCity saver fares on May 15.

The announcements came days after a similar rise was unveiled by the electricity boards, and provoked an angry reaction from consumer groups. Mr Ian Powe, Gas Consumer Council director, said he was shocked, and Mr Michael Patterson, secretary of the Central Transport Consumer Committee, said British Rail should abandon its strategy of increasing fares by more than the rate of inflation.

British Gas said its increase, caused by the rising cost of gas supplies from the North Sea, had been kept as low as possible and within price controls contained in the company's licence.



£10,000 reward

A woman who told police about a man who shielded a killer by standing in for him at a genetic fingerprinting test was given a £10,000 reward yesterday.

Mrs Jackie Foggin, aged 26, of Fleckney, Leicestershire, who heard the stand-in talking about the deception in a public house, received the money from Mr George David, chairman of the Next retailing chain, which employs the mother of one of the victims.

Colin Pitchfork, aged 28, of Leicester, is serving a life sentence for raping and murdering two teenage girls.

Fourth Tube sit-in

For the fourth time this month passengers on the London Underground staged a sit-in, causing delays of more than an hour to thousands of travellers. A door on a Central Line train from Epping, Essex, jammed at 8.11am while it was at Stratford. Staff decided to take it out of service, but passengers refused to get out. The train was emptied after the police had been called.

Damages sought

Tom Bower, author of *Maxwell: The Outsider*, is to seek libel damages in the High Court against Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher.

Mr Bower did not pursue his application for an injunction against Mr Maxwell yesterday in which he sought to prevent repetition of the alleged libel.

Mr Bower complains of a letter written about him by Mr Maxwell to composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer, last January, and is seeking aggravated damages. Mr Maxwell has alleged libel by Mr Bower in the book.

Gardening expert dies

Percy Thrower, the gardening personality, died yesterday at the Royal Hospital in Wolverhampton where he had been readmitted after a heart operation before Christmas.

Mr Thrower, aged 75, who came from Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury, appeared regularly on television and radio and at one time had his own show.

He was also well known as one of the leading figures behind the Shrewsbury flower show, where in recent years he won the top award.

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Labour leader 'a boy trying to do man's job' says Tebbit

Tories criticize Kinnock's 'yobbo mob'

By Sheila Gunn and Nicholas Wood

Mr Norman Tebbit last night led a Conservative Party attack on Labour with a personal attack on Mr Neil Kinnock for failing to control the "yobbo left wing" elements in the Labour Party.

The former Conservative Party chairman's criticism came as a big campaign to boost Conservative Party membership was announced by Mr Peter Brooke, the present party chairman.

In a reference to the protests that halted Mr Nigel Lawson's Budget speech on Tuesday, Mr Brooke branded the Opposition "the mob on the terraces".

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, joined the assault. He said that the Labour leader had "sat on his hands" while his backbenchers went on a "rampage".

He added: "If Neil Kinnock had an ounce of real leadership he would have told his mob to stop howling and to observe the constitutional courtesies of the House of Commons".

Mr Tebbit described Mr Kinnock as "a boy trying to do a man's job" who was "out of his depth, confused and muddled".

Hurling a string of insults against the Labour leader he said the tactics used to halt the Budget speech showed the modern parliamentary Labour Party had sunk to mere hooliganism.

"Of course there have been outbreaks of such loutish behaviour in the past. What is new is that the Leader of the Opposition, the man who is constitutionally regarded as the alternative Prime Minister should the Government be defeated, seems unable or unwilling to do anything to control the hooligan element in his own party".

He went on: "Whichever it is, unable or unwilling – and it must be one or the other – it demonstrates the unfitness of this man who combines weakness with aggression, verbosity with the inability to express clearly even simple thought, and ignorance with certainty, to carry out his duties as Leader of the Opposition let alone any more responsible task".

Speaking to his Chingford constituency Conservative Association, Mr Tebbit said it was the first Budget speech he remembered "to be the victim of the disruptive tactics of the yobbo left wing in Parliament".

Mr Tebbit said the cause was that today's Labour Party was unelectable with policies which would return Britain to hyper inflation, industrial disorder, industrial and commercial decay.

Mr Brooke, who was appointed party chairman last autumn, struck an abrasive note in his speech to 800 representatives attending the Conservative Central Council meeting in Buxton, North Derbyshire.

Mr Brooke's theme was immediately taken up by Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who said that the Tories were determined to eliminate "soccer hooligan socialism".

Mr Major said that the Opposition party was more divided than at any time since the 1920s and that Labour was torn between the marketing men and the Marxist, between the ad men and the ideologues and between support for Clause 4 and opposition to Clause 29 (the proposed new law stopping local councils from promoting homosexuality).

In a robust defence of the Budget, Mr Major claimed Labour would abolish the ceiling on national insurance contributions and so put an extra 9p in the £ in tax on all those earning above £15,860 a year.

Mr Peter Morrison, the deputy chairman, will give further details about the campaign to boost Tory membership, but it is understood that Conservative Central Office has put together a package of ideas for swelling the ranks of local activists.

Increased violence expected in Ulster

By John Cooney and David Sapsted

Security forces in Northern Ireland are braced for a weekend of mounting violence and rioting in the aftermath of the Milltown cemetery attack.

It took until dawn yesterday for the Royal Ulster Constabulary to restore calm in Roman Catholic areas of Belfast after many vehicles were hijacked and burned.

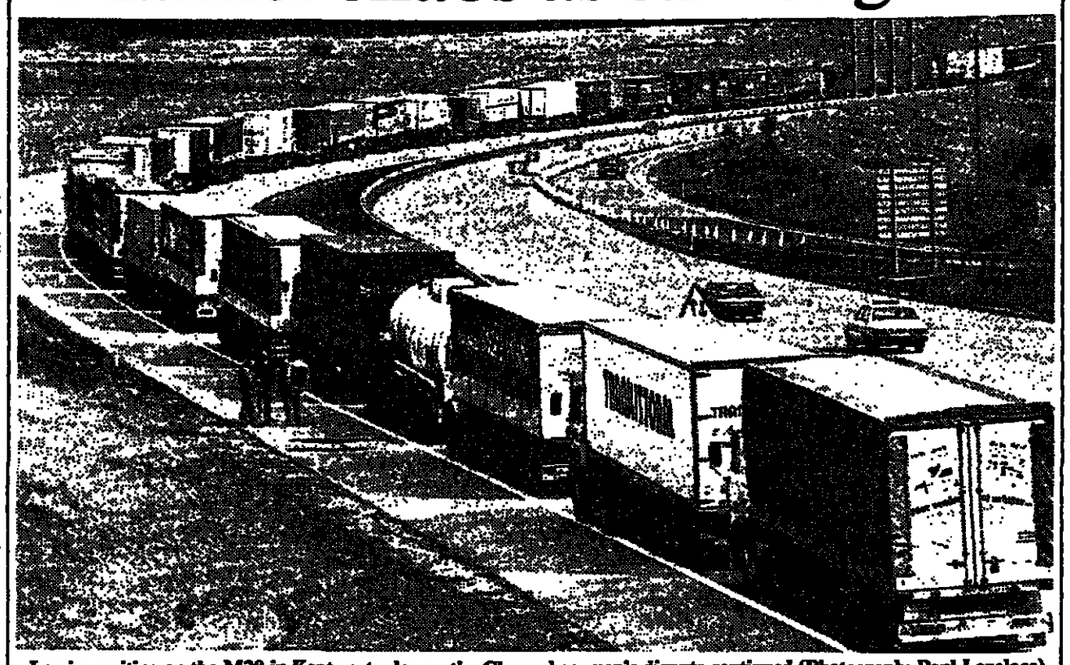
Petrol bomb attacks were made on police vehicles, and there were clashes between the RUC and republican youths along the Shankill "peace line".

Tensions increased later when Thomas McErlean, aged 20, the first of the victims of the Milltown bombing, was buried in the same cemetery where he had been fatally shot by a "loyalist" extremist.

The IRA, meanwhile, claimed that it is in possession of two guns recovered from Milltown cemetery. At a news conference, Mr Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, linked the weapons to the RUC.

In another development, the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters admitted responsibility for the murder of Mr Charles McGrillen, a Catholic shot in a sectarian attack on Tuesday.

Channel chaos as strikes go on



Lorries waiting on the M20 in Kent yesterday as the Channel seamen's dispute continued (Photograph: Paul Lovelace).

Travellers were urged to avoid Dover this weekend as two separate strikes caused chaos to the Channel port and seamen gave warning of more disruptive industrial action.

Last night leaders of the National Union of Seamen were meeting lawyers in an attempt to find a legal way of calling a national all-out strike in support of the 2,200 seamen dismissed by P&O European Ferries.

On Monday the union's national executive will face demands from Dover seamen for an all-out stoppage to try to end their bitter six-week strike over changes to their working conditions.

P&O confirmed that it would seek injunctions against the NUS if illegal sympathy action is taken in support of the strikers. The company dismissed all strikers on Thursday and gave them until March 23 to sign new contracts.

All day trips sailing from Dover were cancelled by Sealink when French crews of Sealink-SNCF went on strike on Thursday in protest at new working practices. Dover Harbour Board said the service had been reduced to 25 per cent of the usual 74 sailings in 24 hours. Sealink British Ferries crew members are not on strike, but several departures daily manned by their French counterparts have been cancelled.

More than 120 lorries waiting for crossings from Dover were lined up along a two-mile cordoned-off section of the M20.

Big crowd at Thyssen exhibition first day

By Andrew Billen

Nearly 3,000 people flocked to the Royal Academy in Piccadilly yesterday for the first day of its exhibition of Old Master paintings from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, jointly presented with *The Times*.

Mr Piers Rodgers, secretary of the Royal Academy, said yesterday's attendance figure of 2,726 was a "tremendous start". He said: "It is a quite exceptional first day compared with any previous exhibition in our private rooms. We are delighted".

Reactions from Thursday's private view had been overwhelmingly enthusiastic.

Mr Rodgers advised visitors to arrive early today to enjoy the best view of the 53 Old Masters. On Sunday admission is cut from £3 to £2 until 1.45pm.

The paintings cover the spectrum of European painting with examples from the fourteenth to the early nineteenth century.

The exhibition, which runs until June 12, begins with a brief introduction to the collection, usually housed in the Villa Favorita in Switzerland, alongside a Lucien Freud painting of the present Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza and a bust of his father.

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How Ford deal was lost

Five-month path towards a bitter end

By Roland Rudd

"Unions who nip in by the backdoor and sign sweetheart deals are to blame", Mr Bill Morris, deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said, when he was asked yesterday to explain Ford of America's decision to cancel its proposed £40 million plant in Dundee.

Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the engineering union, and Mr Jimmy Airlie, the union's executive officer for Scotland, made the agreement on September 29 in America which was to bring up to 1,500 jobs to a city suffering from a 15 per cent unemployment rate.

If it was not exactly by the back door it took the Transport and General Workers' Union by complete surprise.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the transport union, argued that the deal broke TUC rules governing inter-union relations, which stipulate that before one union signs a single-union deal it should consult the others concerned. He also said that it broke the company's own blue book governing industrial relations; and added that it was a break with tradition that his union could not let go unchallenged.

Mr Todd was wrong on the third point. The engineering union has signed a single-union deal with Nissan in Sunderland. He was factually correct on the first, that he should have been informed of the engineering union's agreement. It is true that the deal was against the blue book of Ford of Europe but did not violate Ford of America's terms or conditions.

Mr Todd reported the engineers to the TUC in October and confidently predicted that Congress would not allow the deal to go ahead as it stood. However, the TUC disputes committee did not start an investigation.

The TUC yesterday said it wanted to try to sort the problem out on an informal basis.

Mr Airlie, a communist, yesterday rejected accusations that he was in the business of signing "sweetheart" deals.

Last month a national strike took Ford by surprise. The parent company in America warned the trade unions that it would have to "consider" its decision to build the plant if it failed to secure its single-union deal.

The motor industry suffered another blow yesterday when a one-day strike by 1,000 Jaguar workers in Coventry brought vehicle production to a halt (Craig Seton writes).

The action came as the strike by 6,000 manual workers at Land-Rover in nearby Solihull ended its fourth-week with no sign of the deadlock being broken.

The strike at Jaguar's Browns Lane assembly plant in Coventry, affecting the production of 150 vehicles worth more than £3 million, was in protest at the laying off of 300 assembly workers without pay because of a shortage of engines caused by a dispute at another Jaguar plant.

The company said that, under an existing agreement, the men at Browns Lane were not entitled to pay because their lay-offs were caused by a strike within Jaguar.

In the Land-Rover dispute, Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said the onus was on management to re-open pay talks. The unions were ready to discuss a restructured pay package.

Land-Rover said: "Their interpretation of negotiation is that they want more money. There is no money and our offer is final."

Yesterday, more than 120 workers went back to work. Fifty went back last Monday.

A picket on duty at the company's Lode Lane entrance received bruising to a leg yesterday as a car went into the plant. Police said they were treating it as a routine traffic accident.

The dispute is over a two-year pay package that management says is worth 14 per cent. Unions say it is worth only 8 per cent in new money.

On March 8, Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, had an urgent meeting with company officials in Detroit and came back promising that there were "no ultimatums or deadlines" by which the TUC had to give the engineering union the go-ahead to sign. He said yesterday that Ford's decision to pull out was "quite contrary" to the undertaking he had been given by Ford of America. The company believe the TUC general secretary misread the signs.

Five months after the complaint was brought to Mr Willis's notice the company decided it could not wait.

With the rise of non-unionism, the decline in trade union membership and the new government trade union legislation, both the engineering union and its allies in the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, believe arguments about the different creeds of trade unionism are dangerous.

Mr Laird said he could not understand why his adversaries appeared to be unconcerned with the 40,000 Scottish workers who became non-unionized.

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Short set to profit in world chess race

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Nigel Short is on course to become a millionaire and possibly world champion after his magisterial display when he took first prize in the Max Euwe Memorial Tournament in Amsterdam.

Short, aged 23, took the top honours in what was rated as the strongest tournament to be held since the World Chess Federation ranking list was introduced in 1970.

On the way, he outclassed his two most dangerous foreign rivals, Anatoly Karpov, of the Soviet Union, and Jan Timman, of the Netherlands, in the race to determine a challenger to Gary Kasparov, the Soviet world champion.

Short's victories were achieved in brilliantly overwhelming and sparkling style, reminiscent of Alexander Alekhine, Bobby Fischer or Mikhail Tal at their best.

Short said after he forced a last-round draw against Karpov to clinch the £5,000 first prize: "It was the greatest and most important win of my career".

He was particularly thrilled at the severe thrashing he administered to Timman, the world number three, who had hitherto been something of a bogeyman, and was quietly confident that the trend would continue.

The Max Euwe Memorial Tournament was held in honour of Dr Max Euwe, the Dutch grandmaster, who defeated Alekhine in 1935 and held the world title for the next two years. Euwe, who died aged 80 in 1981, was president of Fide, the World Chess Federation, from 1970 to 1978.

Short must face his fellow Briton, Jon Speelman, who lives near to him at Hampstead, north London, in the quarter-finals of the current world championship cycle.

Short said the encounter, for a minimum of £20,000 in prize money, is likely to be held in London, probably next August. The predicted sponsor is Duncan Lawrie, the merchant bank.

If Short defeats Speelman, he has every chance of becoming a millionaire as the prize money curve escalates steeply as the world championship cycle progresses.

Prize money for the recent world championship between Kasparov and Karpov in Seville, Spain, was £1.17 million. In addition, Short is likely to be bombarded with offers of endorsements, books and television appearances.

Short, still with the fresh, boyish looks of a teenager, said he would rise to fifth place in the world rankings in the World Chess Federation rating list due to be released on July 1.

Raised from youth on junior competitions such as *The Times* Schools' Championship, he is cautiously confident of overtaking his main rivals, if not in the current cycle, then in the next, which will culminate in the 1993 championship when he will be aged 28.

His chances of success have been fuelled by the endless series of endurance matches ordained by the World Chess Federation between Karpov and Kasparov in the past three years.

When Short does confront the great Russians he may well face, as in Amsterdam, Soviet champions enervated by their own interminable struggle.

Hospital wards and theatres due to stay closed after royal opening

Queen Mother set to find new rumpus over hospital wing

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is likely to walk into another health service rumpus on Thursday when she officially opens a £33 million hospital wing in west London.

The 10-storey, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother wing at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, which has been described as "one of the greatest successes of the NHS", was expected to be fully operational on January 1 this year, bar the opening of 40 specialist beds.

However, the Queen Mother will be informed this week that three of the eight 28-bed surgical wards, eight operating theatres and a 13-bed intensive care unit, have been empty since the hospital opened last September, partly because of a lack of money to open them.

Wards containing new beds, shining bathrooms and the latest medical technology are being used as storerooms, piled high with cardboard boxes, bed pans still in their wrappings, trolley parts and unpacked linen.

Patients have had to be wheeled on trolleys from the new wing to outdated operating theatres at the main St Mary's Hospital, built in 1850. Waiting times for hip operations and routine surgery are likely to rise by 50 per cent, a consultant claimed yesterday.

Surgeons have been told that when a new day surgery opens on April 1, it will only function at a third of its capacity.

Although one of the three general surgical wards will open next month, the operating theatres are not expected to be in use until May or June and the intensive care unit will only open seven beds.

The theatres are shut because a sterile supplies manager to organize equipment has not been recruited in time.

The wing has been largely financed by the closure of an old hospital, St Mary's Harrow Road, in another part of the Paddington and North Kensington Health Authority.

Mr Nigel Harris, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at St Mary's and chairman of the team which commissioned the development, said yesterday that the hospital only needed £300,000 to make full use of the day surgery unit and open 14 more orthopaedic beds.

"It doesn't make any financial sense to leave the wards empty. A great deal of public money has been spent on a building which is now being wasted. It is a tragedy that we cannot use these modern facilities to the full", he said.

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"We were told we would get the extra beds and have planned our workload accordingly. We need at least 56 beds but we now only have 28 beds. Orthopaedic trauma patients are filling general surgery beds and we had to cut back on all routine operations", he said.

Mr Peter Frazer, branch secretary for the National Union of Public Employees, said: "We are all very ashamed at the way the Queen Mother is being used like this. The health service is falling apart and the district health authority is using the Queen Mother for prestige to try and pretend that it is in better shape than it really is.

"Local residents were promised a better service in the new wing. Now they are not even getting as good a service."

Mr Harris disclosed that a local resident has written to the Queen Mother informing her of the hospital's plight.

Two weeks ago the Queen Mother expressed distress that a hospital ward she opened in Mid Glamorgan less than a year ago had closed.

Mr Clive Bath, St Mary's unit general manager, said that the phased opening of the hospital was nearly on target. "We only planned to open six and a half wards in January. We cannot afford to open 20 beds but the remaining cardiac and ENT surgery beds depend on a planned expansion of services and regional funding."

Mr Bath said each ward cost £350,000 to open so an extra £700,000 would be needed to open the two wards. It was unlikely that they would open before April 1989.

Although the day surgery unit would not open to full capacity, surgeons would be doing the same level of day surgery as now. "We already treating many more patients than was originally planned for the new wing."

Miss Barbara Young, district general manager, said that a lot of fuss was being made over very little. For the first time the health authority was expecting to break even this financial year and all but six of the temporary bed closures made last autumn had reopened.

"The new wing is one of the biggest success stories of the NHS. This is a wonderful building compared to what we have had before and should be mirrored throughout the health serivce. Over 99 per cent of it is going to be open to timetable."

● Mr Glyn James, former mayor for the Rhondda Valley, Mid Glamorgan, and two colleagues have chained themselves to railings outside the Llwynypia Hospital in a five-day protest to persuade health chiefs to keep the 12-bed maternity unit open for Rhondda residents.



One of the wards in the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother wing being used as a storeroom (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

Prize will pay for Nile trip

Mr Stephen Rayner's holiday horizons have been transformed after winning the £4,000 daily Portfolio prize.

Mr Rayner, aged 47, owner of a canal boat on the Trent, spends his spare time cruising the English waterways.

Now he intends to spend the money travelling on a more spectacular stretch of water, the Nile in Egypt.

"I thought that I would have this summer on the Trent and Mersey waterways and then go down the Nile as a winter break on my winnings", Mr Rayner, a cleaning company manager, of Leyfield Road, Sheffield, said.

"It will be quite a change, although still on the water which my wife, Kate, and I love."

Mr Rayner, who has two adult daughters, was the only competition winner yesterday.

Vacant cots 'could have taken baby'

By Ruth Gledhill

A hospital eight miles distant had vacant intensive care cots but was not asked to take in prematurely born twins, one of whom died after their mother's 70-mile journey by ambulance, it emerged last night.

The girl died less than three hours after her birth and after doctors at the Royal Berkshire Hospital telephoned 25 hospitals before cots were found for the three-month premature babies at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton.

However, the Heatherwood Hospital in Ascot, a National Health Service hospital, might have been able to take the twins but was apparently not asked. It has 14 special and one intensive care cots but had only six babies in care on the night in question.

One health authority said the difficulties were caused by a combination of the difficult twin premature births, a shortage of suitable qualified nurses to staff intensive care cots and a shortage of equipment.

Mrs Shirley Weatherby, the mother, went into labour at the end of her two-and-a-half-hour journey to Brighton in the early hours of Wednesday morning and the first-born, Frances Helen, died immediately because her lungs were not working.

The condition of the second child, Claire Lucy, was described as "poor but stable" in intensive care.

Both babies were baptised at birth by their father, the Rev Peter Weatherby, a clergyman in the Church of England.

Mrs Weatherby, aged 29, who has four children by her first marriage, said: "I have absolutly no criticism of the hospital services. All I knew at the time was that an ambulance was going to take me somewhere else. I didn't know where I was going and I wasn't particularly bothered at the time, just as long as the twins were born.

"It is just the NHS and what it is like at the moment. What has happened does not surprise me."

Dr Lindsey Harris, the registrar in charge of the twins' birth, said: "More than 20 hospitals were contacted but their intensive care cots were all being used. It is not that uncommon."

Miss Isobel Waterhouse, director of midwifery services at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, said that colleagues spent four hours on the telephone, trying to find a hospital where Mrs Weatherby could be admitted.

"Our special baby care unit already had 18 babies in it and five of those were receiving intensive care treatment. We have funding to deal with only two babies at a time in intensive care and therefore we were more than fully stretched.

"Three of the babies were on ventilators. Obviously there was no way we could manage to take another two, both of which were likely to require ventilators

"The Royal Berkshire has a very good record in dealing with problem births and in a sense we are suffering because we are so successful. We are managing to keep the children alive but it uses all the resources available."

She said the hospital staff contacted the nearest hospitals with the necessary facilities before widening the circle until they hit on Brighton.

The neighbouring East Berkshire Health Authority said the Heatherwood Hospital was apparently not contacted.

"As far as we can make out, no request was received from the Royal Berkshire to accommodate these babies", the authority said. "At Heatherwood we had a number of vacant cots and might have been able to help."

Mr Michael Taylor, West Berkshire district general manager, said last night that an approach had been made to Wexham Park Hospital in east Berkshire, but it was full.

Probation for devoted killer

By Howard Foster

A man who smothered his severely handicapped daughter because he feared he was too old to look after her was put on probation at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Alliott told Mr Denis Goldsworthy, aged 75, a retired shopkeeper of Teddington Park Road, Teddington, west London: "I am satisfied you did what you did out of love and in the sincere belief that what you did was in her best interests at a time when your mental health had broken down after years of devoted care".

Mr Goldsworthy, a former soldier, had pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. The crown accepted his plea of not guilty to murdering his daughter, Sheila, aged 26, who suffered from Down's syndrome, had the mental age of a baby and was in constant pain.

The judge was told that the couple feared for their daughter's future if one of them died and Mr Goldsworthy's wife, Jane, had been told she had a chronic heart condition. Last September Mr Goldsworthy became depressed and decided to take his daughter's life by giving her sleeping tablets crushed in a drink and then smothering her as she slept.

He told detectives after his arrest: "I was hoping she would go to sleep permanently. I could not bear to see her continually in pain. I am very sorry about what I did. No man could have loved a daughter more than I did.

"I moved every stone to find a more humane solution. I didn't want to hurt her, I wanted to make it as pleasant and as quick as possible. If she had struggled I couldn't have done it.

"I wasn't thinking of myself; I was thinking of her and my wife. I am very sorry about what I had to do. The pressure has been great, almost from when she was born."

Neighbours handed the judge more than thirty letters praising the care Mr Goldsworthy and his wife had given their daughter, and Mr John Nutting, for the prosecution, said: "It is quite clear from all the evidence that Mr and Mrs Goldsworthy were devoted to their daughter, caring for her every waking hour".

Lawyer was on mission with gunmen, jury told

By Howard Foster

Jonathan Denby, a solicitor, had gone with two gunmen on an observation mission which went badly wrong when police approached them in a London street, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Denby, aged 40, a former personal secretary to Mr Enoch Powell, the former MP, pleads not guilty to charges of having a firearm or imitation firearm, handling stolen police car keys and assisting an offender.

He claims that he was so frightened by threats made to him by the two men, Philip and James Callaghan, from Ireland, after they had drawn guns on suspicious police officers in Down Street in west London, that he disappeared for almost a year. He said he paid the men to go away. He was eventually caught in Richmond, North Yorkshire early last year.

Mr John Nutting, for the prosecution, cross-examining Mr Denby, told him: "I suggest that you had enlisted support of these Irishmen for some purposes of your own that night and that is why they had those guns".

Mr Denby denied that and said that he had been waiting for his girl friend to leave her work as a waitress in a night club when the incident happened.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Singer 'in suicide cover-up'

A jazz singer was involved in a cover-up after the boy friend of her housekeeper committed suicide with her gun, an inquest was told yesterday.

Miss Marian Montgomery had become worried after she was telephoned in the US and told about the shooting at her home because she did not have a firearms licence.

The inquest at Maidenhead, Berkshire, was told that the singer had allegedly ordered her housekeeper, Miss Jane Jones, to wipe fingerprints off one of her guns.

The police had initially suspected Miss Jones of murdering her boy friend, Mr Graham Ross, who was suffering from Aids, because she had lied to them.

It was only after she was arrested on suspicion of murder that she admitted lying to protect Miss Montgomery because she knew she did not have a licence for the .38 and .32 Colt revolvers, which were kept on top of a wardrobe.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on Mr Ross, an unemployed guitarist, who was aged 31, after being told that he had played Russian roulette with one of the guns.

Miss Jones, aged 32, told Mr Robert Wilson, the east Berkshire coroner, she had decided to end her relationship with Mr Ross because he was addicted to heroin.

She said that on December 28 last year he had gone to a bathroom at the house at Fishery Road, Bray, Berkshire, and had returned carrying a bag containing the guns.

"He said, 'How about a game of Russian roulette?' and I said, 'Don't wind me up'. He replied, 'All right, you don't have to play'.

"I heard a bang and for a split second I thought he was playing. Then I saw the hole in his head and blood pouring from it", Miss Jones said.

She said she had put the second gun back on top of the wardrobe and had told the police that her boy friend had produced a gun from underneath his pullover.

Miss Montgomery, aged 53, who was fined £150 earlier this week for possessing the firearms without a certificate, denied she had asked Miss Jones to clean fingerprints from the second gun.

She told the inquest: "I was scared for Jane. I said to her, 'Did you wipe the gun?'. I thought if she had wiped the gun, it would look very bad."

Two die in fire after fake alarm

A hoaxer set off a hotel's fire alarms four times in two hours before a fire killed two guests, an inquest was told yesterday.

When a fifth alarm went off, it took only minutes for the Rubens Hotel, in Buckingham Palace Road, central London, to fill with dense, black smoke after an arsonist set fire to a foam sofa, Westminster coroners' court was told.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, recorded verdicts of unlawful killing on Miss Patricia Corry, aged 63, an Australian, and Dr Ahmed Arabi, aged 52, of the Sudan.

The inquiry was told that Kevin McCormack, aged 21, a hotel porter, of Medwin Street, Clapham, south-west London, had been charged with criminal damage and with stealing a circuit-breaker fuse.

However, Det Supt Robert Andrews said that nobody had been charged with murder or manslaughter over the fire on December 2 last year because of lack of evidence.

Britain's disturbing 'epidemic'

Accidents cost NHS millions

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Britain is suffering a national epidemic of accidents which claim more than 14,000 lives a year on the roads, in the home and at work and play, according to a Department of Health report published yesterday.

The toll is greater than that from cancer of the breast and cervix, but is regarded with apathy by the public and the medical profession alike, it says.

The deaths and injuries cost the health service hundreds of millions of pounds a year, with more than 13,000 hospital beds occupied every day by accident victims, the report says.

It adds that huge savings in both human and financial terms could be gained through effective safety campaigns. About 5,000 people are killed in road accidents. At least as many die in fires, falls or other accidents at home, and several thousand others are killed at work or while pursuing leisure activities.

More than three million people are injured at home every year, with children and the elderly most vulnerable.

Alcohol contributes to about a quarter of all road deaths. It is suspected of also playing a large role in deaths in industry, although the report says most accidents at the workplace are caused by carelessness.

Construction is "now the most dangerous industry on land", with falls causing more than half the deaths.

The fishing industry is the most dangerous of all, with heavy drinking "an endemic problem". The report says of agriculture: "The modern farm is a very dangerous place".

Although sport and leisure form only 1 per cent of fatal accidents, they represent 17 per cent of accidents treated in hospital. Drowning is the main cause of death during leisure pursuits. About 700 people drowned in 1985. Young girls are particularly vulnerable to horse-riding accidents, the report says. Up to 3,000 youngsters are admitted to hospital annually with riding injuries.

Dr Andrew Raffler, chairman of the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention, which prepared the report, said yesterday: "We remain troubled by the apathy of the public towards the avoidance and prevention of accidents leading to injury. This apathy is shared by the medical profession.

"Why does society accept with so little protest 40 deaths a day attributed to accidents? Why does the medical profession not protest at the use, or mis-use of NHS resources from 545,000 in-patient discharges from hospitals each year, following injury?"

Lord Porritt, president of the commission, said: "We have a national epidemic of accidents".

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Rapist is given six life terms

A rapist who wrecked the lives of six women was given six life sentences at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Judge Pigot told Michael Chandler: "You were gratuitously brutal to your victims and I find no redeeming features whatsoever. You are a menace to all women."

Det Chief Insp Alan Findell told the jury that the worst affected victim was a woman raped after being dragged from the bed she was sharing with her husband. Her marriage was wrecked and her life lay in ruins.

Another victim, a nurse aged 21 when raped, had since made three suicide attempts. "All his victims have suffered in some way or another. The majority of them cannot go out on their own. There are a number who cannot be left alone in their own homes."

Judge Pigot told Chandler, aged 24, of Goldsmith Close, South Harrow, north London, who was convicted of six rapes: "It is clear you must be removed from society for 25 or 30 years because of the distress you have caused and the manner in which you have destroyed so many happy lives.

"Very often in cases like this the effect on the victims is overlooked. I do not propose to overlook it. I intend the sentence I propose to pass shall be a reminder to you and others that these courts will treat violent rape cases with appropriate deterrent severity."

Chandler was cleared of three further rapes, but given a total of 52 years' imprisonment, to run concurrently with the life sentences, for other offences including burglary, robbery, assault, false imprisonment and abduction.

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Electricity board plans 'windmill' site

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Plans to find a site for Britain's first wind-based power stations are about to be announced by the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Such power stations are known as wind farms and feature giant turbines up to 200ft whose blades spin like a windmill, generating electricity.

Supporters of the technology claim that as much as 30 per cent of the country's electricity could be met by wind energy, a greater proportion than is now supplied by nuclear energy.

To achieve that, experts calculate that about 5 per cent of the land area of Britain would have to be turned over to the wind farms.

In view of that, the generating board is believed to be looking at building the world's first off-shore wind farm consisting of perhaps two dozen turbines each generating 250 kilowatts of power.

A similar sized wind farm was built in California in 1986 by the Wind Energy Group, which consists of the UK companies British Aerospace and Taylor Woodrow.

According to Dr Michael Grubb, a wind power expert at Imperial College, London, a network of wind farms spread over large areas would overcome the key difficulty of keeping the power supply constant when the winds drop.

He said that, although experimental wind power generators had been built in the wind-swept Orkneys, the South-west was probably a good site for Britain's first wind farm because of its better integration with the national grid and frequent high winds.

Wind energy is an effectively limitless source of clean energy, but wind farms have been criticized for their visual intrusiveness, their aerodynamic noise and the effect on radio and television signals.

Church is political victim over welfare state, says Runcie

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The Church of England labours under the "curious expectation" from politicians that its legal status as the established church has to be paid for by uncritical support for the Government, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said yesterday.

"The churches are frequently the victims of political criticism for defending what all parties thought worth while only a few years ago", he told the Free Church Federal Council at a lunch in London at which he was guest of honour.

"We in the Church of England deeply need and value your steady support for our maintenance of the ideal of a social consensus and the Welfare State. In the Free Churches you have a longer tradition of being a 'loyal opposition'. If we in the Church of England are sometimes so perceived, please help us to get used to this prophetic perception."

Dr Runcie said the past had seen a steady growth in a political consensus shared in all the churches, in welcoming the "common Christian philosophical principles" of the Welfare State. The churches still held to that but the retreat from the middle ground of politics had left the churches united but also often exposed and isolated.

The consensus was until recently also accepted by a majority of politicians of all parties, and "Conservatives like Rab Butler and Harold Macmillan had no major difficulty with the idea of the welfare state".

Dr Runcie also welcomed the new involvement of the Roman Catholic Church in partnership with other Christian denominations in Britain. That was resulting in new and more favourable perceptions of the Roman Catholic Church by the rest.

"For many years, whatever the differences between Anglicans and Free Churchmen, we have felt a powerful historical bonding which has left other Christians outside.

"Whatever the Anglican flirtation with Rome, there has been a deeper sense of unity between us and the Free churches *against* Rome. The traditional Protestant ethos of John Bull has not been distant from most Anglicans and Free Churchman."

That had now gone for ever, although there were those who bewailed its passing. "Roman Catholics are not foreign Christians any more . . . And Roman Catholicism here has broken the mould of the citadel mentality."

Anglicans were going to find their easy assumption of a bridging role between Catholicism and the Free churches difficult to maintain, when Catholics and Free churchmen were coming into direct partnership.

He said he noticed when Anglicans unconsciously assumed that everyone was an Anglican, both Free churchmen and Roman Catholics protested in identical terms. He also noted the close affinity in Methodism for Roman Catholic spirituality. "Such new perceptions of ourselves as all belonging together, Anglican, Catholic, Protestant, may be painful to those who cherish old patterns of Protestant identity."

Medieval romp in satanic style



Thierry Mugler's jersey tunic and suede boots (left) and a dinosaur jacket with vinyl trousers (Photographs: Harry Kerr).

By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor, Paris

The antidote to the exuberance and colour of the Lacroix show, which opened the Paris collections this week, was the solemn monotone of the Japanese.

The day after the debut of Lacroix's ready-to-wear collection, the cultural chasm could not have seemed deeper between assertive Parisian chic and the inscrutable tricksy effects of Tokyo's Rei Kawakubo, of Comme Des Garçons, and Yohji Yamamoto.

Rei Kawakubo declares that red is black. So red is indeed used as black in stripes and in her new medallion prints with white or black.

Comme Des Garçons' slashed-about tailoring embodies the worst nightmares of a Savile Row craftsman. Sleeves on jackets are slit under the arm to allow loose white shirts to be tugged through. Backs of jackets are missing, displaying voluminous shirts worn underneath with wide culottes and cropped trousers.

The look is completed with a conical elfin cap. Kawakubo finally dispenses with most of the jacket until only vestigial lapels remain, which are worn as a scarf over shirts.

Yohji Yamamoto's latest line makes a stab at a riding coat, stretching it to the suitably sloppy proportions admired by followers of the Japanese designers. He swaddles arms in shawls and capes that are tightly buttoned across shoulders of his long military coats.

Thierry Mugler is in devilish mood. His basic line for autumn is based on the leggings, tunic and thigh boots of the armour of a medieval knight and is moulded so rigidly to the body that it might have been welded, not stitched.

His satanic theme released him into such a demonic orgy of horned hairstyles and fanged jewellery that the Figaro has demanded an exorcism. Skin-tight dresses are slashed in zig zags as if licked by the flames of hell. However, it was a light-hearted horror romp. Beneath the vampire stage effects is a good strong, sculpted line.

Clergymen defaced Whitehall building

Charcoal blessed by the Anglican Bishop of Kingston, the Right Rev Peter Selby, at Southwark Cathedral, was used by protesters who attempted to draw crosses on the Ministry of Defence building, Whitehall, on Ash Wednesday, Horseferry Road magistrates were told yesterday.

Two Dominican monks, Friar Gilbert Markus, aged 30, and Friar Ian Mortimer, aged 28, of Blackfriars Priory, St Giles, Oxford, were among six protesters given conditional discharges and ordered to pay £15 costs and £3.45 compensation for defacing the building.

The protesters also included a Roman Catholic priest, Father John Scudiero, aged 42, of the Consulate Missionary College, Totteridge, Whetstone, who said later he would refuse to pay the fine.

Earlier, an Anglican clergyman, the Rev Graham Dowell, aged 61, of Clun, Shropshire, and Friar Richard Finn, aged 22, of the Blackfriars Priory, were awarded £10 each out of court funds after the prosecution offered no evidence.

Judge rules in secrets case

A Special Branch application to seize a confidential EEC paper on terrorism from *The Independent* may be heard in open court in spite of requests by the crown for secrecy.

After a two hour hearing yesterday Mr Justice Owen said he would not close his court during arguments about the document and he would announce on Monday whether the rest of the hearing would be open. Police want the document to help investigations into a possible breach of the Official Secrets Act.

Custody order

Adrian Hutchins, aged 17, of Werstan Close, Great Malvern, Hereford, who used a fake pistol to rob a taxi driver of £30, was sentenced yesterday at the Central Criminal Court to two years' youth custody. He must pay £100 compensation to the driver.

Wife must go

Mrs Claudia O'Shea, aged 27, who visited Britain from Colombia, married, and stayed six years, lost her fight against deportation yesterday when the Court of Appeal ruled she could not claim immunity under the Immigration Act, 1971 because she was not a Commonwealth citizen.

Player fined

Jan Molby, the Liverpool football player, was fined £100 by Chester magistrates yesterday for overturning a car outside a nightclub in the city. He had denied causing criminal damage.

Jet in air-miss

The Civil Aviation Authority was last night investigating an air-miss involving a military jet which passed 300 ft below a helicopter near Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, yesterday.

Sentence variation concern

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Two Home Office ministers expressed concern yesterday about variations in sentences passed by magistrates.

Mr John Patten is worried about "disturbing" differences between courts' use of custody for juveniles and Mr Douglas Hogg last night asked magistrates to look again more generally at their policies on sentencing.

Research commissioned by the Home Office and work done by the probation service had disclosed marked differences between the sentencing policies of different benches, Mr Hogg said.

In Bournemouth, 12 per cent of convicted adult males received a custodial sentence; in Brighton it was 25 per cent. Liverpool magistrates used custody in 13 per cent of cases; their colleagues in Hull in 28 per cent.

Mr Hogg told a meeting of the Lincolnshire and South Humberside Magistrates' Association: "We feel that there is still scope for better communication between different petty sessional divisions".

Mr Patten referred to significant variations between courts in the use of custody for juveniles, not only from one part of the country to another but between courts in the same area.

"Some variation is to be expected, since local circumstances differ, but its extent is puzzling and somewhat disturbing", he told a Children's Society seminar.

Mr Patten quoted figures showing that in Warwickshire in 1986 only 2 per cent of boys *aged 14-16 who were con*victed by magistrates' courts received custodial sentences. In Northumberland the figure was as high as 24 per cent.

Mr Patten said that in one county in 1986 only 2 per cent of boys aged 14 to 16 convicted by magistrates' courts received custodial sentences. In another county, the figure was 24 per cent.

Overall, courts were much more cautious about locking up children.

Painting proves bargain for Scottish gallery

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The National Gallery of Scotland bought itself a bargain at Christie's routine Old Master sale yesterday in the form of an Impressionistic summer landscape entitled "A Sandy Bank", by John Crome, or Old Crome as he is nicknamed, the founder of the Norwich school of artists. It cost £7,480, against an estimate of £2,500 to £3,500.

The painting will form a companion piece to "The Beaters", a winter scene by the same artist already owned by the gallery.

Leggatt Brothers, the dealers, sold the painting in 1950 to Christopher Norris, a connoisseur and collector who died recently, and it had been consigned by his estate. It is understood that negotiations for the country to accept another painting from his collection in lieu of tax are under way.

Crome was the father of the Norwich school painter of the same name, and his work is, according to Sir Hugh Leggatt, of the firm, "incredibly rare".

Sir Hugh added: "We were going to bid a great deal more".

There was also a runaway price of £52,000 (five times estimate) for a pair of river landscapes attributed in the catalogue to the Italian painter, Giuseppe Zais (a discovery for its anonymous buyer?).

Nevertheless the outcome of the sale was somewhat flat, with one third unsold.

A panel from an altarpiece dated circa 1490 fetched £19,800 (estimate up to £15,000), and a triptych attributed to Dirk Vellert fetched £17,600, within estimate.

A heavily laden Victorian chandelier fetched the top price of £40,700 (estimate up to £25,000) at Sotheby's nineteenth-century decorative arts sale in London yesterday. The piece, by Henry Greene, an eminent "lamp and lustre" maker based near London Bridge in the 1850s, was bought by Asprey.

The next price down was £26,400 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) for a pair of Napoleon III gilt-bronze lacquer side-cabinets dated about 1870 by Martin Carlin, and modelled on the commode supplied in 1785 for the daughters of Louis XVI, now in the Louvre.

The joint top price in the bronze section was £16,500 for an equestrian group by Isidore Bonheur, and for a marble group of Ganymede and the Eagle. Both sold against an estimate of £7,000 to £10,000. The first is of Kincsem, a Hungarian horse which lived in the 1870s and won all her 54 races. The bronze was sent for sale by the National Racing Museum, Suffolk.

The creator of Ganymede, dated about 1850, is not known.

The sale totalled about £1 million, with 15 per cent of the furniture unsold and 8 per cent of the bronzes.

Sotheby's completed its two-day Indian sale in New York on Thursday, with a total of $1.7 million (£887,997) with 7 per cent unsold. It sold to a London dealer.

Schools 'aware of rugby field risk'

A former rugby union international told the High Court yesterday that schools should take the lead in insuring pupils against injury on the rugby field.

Mr Danny Hearn, confined to a wheelchair since breaking his neck in a game for England against New Zealand in 1967, was giving evidence on the fifth day of a damages action against Bedford School.

Mr Hearn, in charge of rugby at Haileybury College, Hertfordshire, until 1981, said that by the end of the 1970s it was recognized that schoolboy players were most at risk of spinal damage. Insurance had been available at Haileybury since 1979.

"Ultimately it is going to be the parents' responsibility, because they pay for it, but I think the school should lead on such matters", he said.

Mr Simon Van Oppen, aged 23, of Topsham, Exeter, Devon, alleges that Bedford School is liable for the fractured spine he suffered in an inter-house game in 1980.

Mr Christopher Wilson-Smith, for Mr Van Oppen, has told the court that Bedford was "dragged reluctantly" into *providing insurance cover* after the accident.

The hearing continues.

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An unhappy eater on the A1

COMPETITION

Further Government action was still needed to increase competition in the economy, a Conservative MP told the Commons, reinforcing his case with examples of roadside eating houses on the A1.

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C), opening the debate, said that competition was not just in the national interest, it was the national interest. It provided choice, reduced prices and raised standards. By creating wealth and enterprise it created jobs.

The Government had made considerable progress towards a more competitive economy but more could still be done.

Driving north on the A1 there were 28 places classified as family restaurants. Of these 16 were Little Chefs and eight were Happy Eaters. Both were owned by Trust House Forte. Was that really competitive?

High streets were increasingly dominated by four or five large conglomerates. The British Shoe Corporation owned nine different chains and controlled 25 per cent of the market. Woolworths, Comet, B & Q and Superdrug were the same company. Dixons and Currys, theoretically competitors, were actually the same company. Three quarters of public houses belonged to the big five brewers.

There was still a form of retail price maintenance on books that made it very difficult for smaller bookshops to get into the business and offer discounts.

Because of increasing concentration there had to be constant vigilance to protect competition and machinery to correct abuses, such as the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Had the MMC ever used its powers to order divestment? Was the Government doing enough to increase competition in areas where it had direct influence?

To some extent markets were partitioned by government itself. In some areas where competition was restricted, for example credit cards, government policy favoured some form of cartel arrangement between the major clearing banks. He gave other examples in this category, including textiles, air travel, agricultural products and, again, roadside catering.

The House should welcome *the steps* being taken by the Government against abuse of the markets in the important areas of company law and financial services, because the more the country was committed to a free market, the greater was its obligation to police those markets and apply tough penalties on those who abused their access to them.

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, SLD) said that he was concerned by the Government's proposals on merger policy, which seemed to show a lack of urgency about how to curb monopoly and promote competition policy.

There was something in the suggestion that "where two or three businessmen are gathered together, they are probably discussing a cartel".

The Government's record on competition policy was woefully inadequate. It had presided over a greater expansion of monopoly power than any government in history. Its privatization policy had driven a coach and horses through any credible competition policy.

Mr Ian Taylor (Esher, C) said that it was estimated that a tenth of European Community GDP was wasted by lack of a proper internal market.

Until the beginning of this year, 70 different customs forms had been in use in the EEC, with 35 needed at some border posts. From January 1, they had been replaced by a one- or two-page document. By 1992, there should be no forms at all.

It was sad to see that there were still trade union leaders *like* those who had wrecked plans for a large Ford plant in Dundee. They did not understand that companies like Ford could move anywhere within the EEC.

Mr Anthony Blair, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that a central weakness in the Thatcherite philosophy was demonstrated by the many large conglomerates that dominated so many spheres of commerce and industry.



Mr Fallon: "Theoretical" competition on the high street

It was only if government was prepared to intervene on behalf of the community that action could be taken to ensure that the market responded to the interests of the people. This interest and the interests of the market were not always the same, and the free market was not necessarily a fair one.

A major danger of the EEC internal market was that it could become dominated by big business interests to the detriment of smaller firms.

Only by a mixture of a tough regulatory regime and rights for consumers would the interests of the public be protected from abuse of power and the economy from stagnation and inefficiency.

Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, said that the Government was right to alert businessmen throughout the country to the importance of the single European market.

In many cases the best way to bring about free competition was for the Government to keep out of the way. But it must be prepared to consider intervention where the market was not functioning properly.

It proposed to prohibit agreements *with anti-competitive ef*fects. This should ensure that innocuous agreements fell outside its scope whereas genuinely anti-competitive agreements would be caught.

The new authority, based on the Office of Fair Trading, would have strong powers, including powers of entry and search. Fines would be up to 10 per cent of a firm's turnover.

Restrictive practices in the professions had already been reduced. The new legislation would not contain provision for blanket exemptions. Each profession would have to seek exemption for each particular practice. None of the exemptions in the Restrictive Trading Practices Act would be automatically carried over.

Monopoly inquiries by the MMC had in the past taken two years and sometimes more. Recently it had been specified that inquiries would take nine months. It was hoped to reduce this to six.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab) said that the Government had an obsession with competition and the free market that led to a lack of long-term vision. It sometimes seemed that they were in business to promote ice-cream salesmen and hamburger vendors.

Mr James Arbuthnot (Wanstead and Woodford, C), a barrister, said that he did not wish the bar to be exempted from the cold wind of competition.

"If the bar cannot survive competition, it does not deserve to be a profession. There are restrictive practices indulged in by the bar which certainly ought to go, for example the insistence that only those with a university degree should be allowed to go to the bar."

Ridley firm on development in South

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, insisted yesterday that the South-east cannot be treated as a no-go area for development as it had to cater for the growing population.

He said that the Government was committed to planning restrictions, but he argued that housing was not a form of environmental pollution and some new land had to be released for development in the prosperous South-east.

He was countering criticism from Mr Michael Heseltine, a former Secretary of State for the Environment, that the present cavalier attitude was allowing developers to tear up the southern counties.

Mr Ridley said: "But as you (Mr Heseltine) clearly recognized in 1980, we cannot treat the South-east as a no-go area.

"It is the function of a land use planning system to meet the needs of economic development while protecting the environment and the countryside."

In an implicit attack on Mr Heseltine's reign as Secretary of State, he argued that the Department of the Environment now gave greater emphasis to environmental protection.

"It remains the case, however, that it is simply not practicable to accommodate all development needs by building in the inner cities or by forcing people and firms to move out of the South-east to other parts of the country.

"Some new land has to be allocated for development in the South-east and I for one am not prepared to rule out all such development which is necessary to cater for legitimate housing needs."

A recent report from the Department of the Environment forecast that nearly one million new homes will be built in the South-east by the end of the century.

However, Mr Ridley said evidence showed that more and more derelict and vacant sites, and less farming land, was being used for development.

"We are strongly committed to our Green Belt and countryside policies but we have to face the fact that the rate of population growth and household formation in the South-east is increasing and must be catered for", Mr Ridley said.

So Mr Nigel Lawson has won. That is the widely held view of Thursday's cut in interest rates. It shows that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has prevailed in his struggle with the Prime Minister over government intervention to preserve a stable exchange rate.

This conclusion seems too simple to me. Mr Lawson has *managed to secure her agree*ment to the measure he required this week. But I am not convinced that he now has the freedom to intervene as much as he judges necessary. What will happen if the pound continues to appreciate against the mark?

Certainly the difference between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Lawson remains as deep as ever over whether Britain should join the European Monetary System. So even if there is a greater understanding over immediate tactics, there is not over long-term strategy.

This is critical because the effective operation of any government depends on a close working partnership between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor.

This is partly because the Chancellor will be unable to exercise sufficient authority within the Government unless he is seen to have the full backing of the Prime Minister, and partly because there are critical areas of economic policy which have to be managed between them.



Geoffrey Smith

Star Chamber has final word

Lord Thorneycroft, the only Chancellor since the Second World War to have resigned over a policy issue, was unable in 1958 to persuade his colleagues to set the limit he wanted on public spending without the support of his Prime Minister. But at least he was able to take his case to Cabinet.

That remains the custom over public expenditure. As much agreement as possible is reached in bilateral negotiations between the Treasury and the spending ministers. Those disagreements that cannot be resolved in that way are then taken to some committee of ministers, nowadays the Star Chamber.

Ultimately a dissatisfied minister has the right to go to the full Cabinet, though I cannot recall any judgement of the Star Chamber which has been overturned by Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet.

On the Budget, exchange rate policy and interest rates the relationship between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor is still more important. The Budget is determined by the Chancellor in discussion with the Prime Minister, the full Cabinet being informed of the proposals only on the morning of Budget Day itself.

Exchange rate policy and interest rates are usually settled in discussion between the Prime Minister, the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England.

During the sterling crisis of 1976, for example, Mr James Callaghan as Prime Minister was involved in daily deliberations as to how much of its reserves the Bank could use to support the pound — and his voice was decisive.

On these matters the Chancellor has no court of appeal beyond the Prime Minister to the Cabinet or any Cabinet committee. Everything depends on the chemistry between the two of them.

That is why there still seems to me to be some cause for concern about the relationship between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Lawson. A *modus vivendi* over the movement of interest rates this week is not enough.

It is known that he has been frustrated in his desire to remove further anomalies from the British tax system. In the run-up to the introduction of the single internal European market in 1992 it will be vital that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor should have resolved their differences.

The ability to manage strong-minded colleagues has not been Mrs Thatcher's most notable quality. But the Government will suffer if she is unable to establish a closer understanding, as distinct from an uneasy balance of power, with her Chancellor.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Secretary 'spied for Communists'

Bonn (AP) — A secretary in the federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation was arrested yesterday on suspicion of spying for a Communist intelligence service, a spokesman said. The arrest came shortly after authorities confirmed that a high-ranking East German transport official had defected to West Germany.

The mass-circulation newspaper *Bild*, which first reported both cases, said the woman was arrested after the interrogation of the defector and was suspected of having spied for East Germany. The spokesman declined to link the two cases. He said the woman, whom he refused to identify, is suspected of having spied since 1975.

138 die in air crash

Bogotá — Heavy mists yesterday hampered rescue workers trying to climb a 9,000 ft Andean hillside in north-eastern Colombia to reach the wreckage of a Boeing 727 which had crashed on Thursday with 138 people on board (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

There were no survivors of the worst accident in the country's aviation history, said Inspector César Augusto Bautista Vásquez, who was the first to reach the wreckage 10 hours later.

The Boeing, of the national airline Avianca's fleet, disappeared four minutes after take-off from the airport at Cúcuta, near the frontier with Venezuela.

Nuclear dispute

Rome — After a week of demonstrations, building work was stopped yesterday on Italy's most controversial nuclear power station, at Montalto di Castro outside Rome (Roger Boyes writes).

The move by the local authorities flew in the face of a Cabinet decision by Signor Giovanni Goria's Government. The Christian Democratic Prime Minister had slipped through the decision to continue work on the power station but the Socialist Party withdrew from the coalition and forced Signor Goria's resignation. The latest move is designed to defuse the controversy, pending the formation of a new government.

Pandas go cargo class

Sydney — China's bicentennial gift to Australia, two giant pandas, finally arrived in Melbourne yesterday, a week late after a row over which airline class they should travel (Our Correspondent writes). The Chinese insisted that the pandas, Xiao Xiao and Fei Fei, should fly economy class inside the passenger cabin, rejecting the Australian plan to put them in the pressurized cargo hold.

Finally a compromise was reached, and a special panda compartment was constructed on the Boeing 747. The pandas duly made the journey in the cargo area.

Duty to refugees

Washington (AFP) — Garments and textiles seized by the US Customs are to be handed over to charities for distribution in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, where thousands of people have been uprooted by civil war in Mozambique.

Until now, the Customs used to destroy impounded cloth at great expense. The new disposal system results from an agreement between the US Agency for International Development and the Customs, whose chief Mr William von Raab yesterday hailed the move as a triumph over bureaucracy.

Actress honoured

Athens (Reuter) — Elizabeth Taylor, the actress, was awarded the 1988 Onassis Prize "for man and society" yesterday for her campaign against Aids, the Onassis Foundation announced in Athens.

She shared the award with the French organization, AIDES, for "encouraging the awareness of this contemporary plague". The prize for "man and mankind" was awarded to Mr Robert McNamara, former World Bank president, for encouraging links between the developed and developing countries.

Sagan drugs charge



Paris — The French novelist, Françoise Sagan, left, has been charged in Lyons with possessing drugs (Susan MacDonald writes).

The charges form part of a two-year investigation into an international heroin and cannabis ring which has already led the arrest of 12 people. After being charged the novelist declared that she had taken cocaine from time to time like 10,000 other people she knew — some better known than herself.

Apathy dulls senses of America's Sixties rebels

From Charles Bremner
New York

Any politician who imagines American youth are a gung-ho crowd, eager to fly into Rambo-style action around the globe, should heed some startling evidence. Forty per cent of young Americans can think of no circumstances under which they would fight for their country and only one in three young men would go to war to defend Britain or other European allies.

These are among the findings of a detailed survey of the post-war generation commissioned by *Rolling Stone* magazine as an attempt to define the aspirations of the country's biggest block of voters.

From the attitudes of Americans born between 1945 and 1970 emerges a portrait of the younger generation as isolationist, pacifist and, above all, politically apathetic. The findings, gathered over two years and aimed at the 1988 presidential candidates, provide meaty data for European leaders, in both East and West.

"This generation embodies a profound shift in political attitudes, unlike anything that has existed since the isolationist climate preceding World War Two," said the writer, Mr William Greider, in an analysis of the survey, which was conducted by Peter Hart Research, an influential polling organization.

The most typical younger American, from the baby-boomer who turned rebel in the Sixties, to the teenager who was born after the 1969 Woodstock festival, is disillusioned and suspicious of government.

Only one in three said he or she follows the news regularly — a far lower figure than for the older generation — and only 51 per cent said they made a habit of voting.

Almost half agree that the top foreign policy goal should be nuclear disarmament, followed by halting terrorism and then stopping world hunger. A successful presidential candidate should find a foreign policy which is not life-threatening, because, asked if they would fight "if our close European allies such as Great Britain were attacked", only 33 per cent of men replied Yes.

It would take a war in Mexico or Canada to mobilize American youth. Seventy-three per cent of men would then be willing to take up arms.

But on the home front, 46 per cent believe the top social goal by far is stopping abuse of the welfare system.

"This generation favours the idea of redistributing income to produce more equality, but it is opposed to tax increases," the magazine notes. The findings on attitudes to money give the lie to the idea of America as a land beset by high-earning yuppies. Most young Americans say they aim only for traditional modest goals, such as a house and a car.

Rolling Stone, which has grown from its birth in the Sixties counter-culture to become the thinking magazine of the urban young, concludes that the world view of younger Americans is still governed by the Vietnam War.

The most telling finding was the choice of the two heroes who most appealed to the under-45s — Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. Both were both murdered in 1968. "The nation's framework, the sense of larger purpose and possibilities inherited from their parents' era, collapsed for this generation," Mr Greider concludes.

The Washington Post said yesterday the survey showed that for the generation who will be running the country within a decade, these are not the teflon years of the Reagan euphoria. "They are the 'don't bother me' years. Americans have been anaesthetized."

Troop airlift sparks US street protests

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Angry words over American military exercises in Honduras continued to resound around Washington, and demonstrators in big cities around the country erected barricades and clashed with police.

But troops airlifts to Honduras continued and the Administration pressed on with attempts to get Congress to vote for military aid to the embattled Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Senior Administration officials continued intensive briefings on Capitol Hill yesterday, in an attempt to convince congressmen that the Nicaraguan incursion into Honduras was a long-planned and skilfully executed attack that was threatening a Contra command centre.

Many Democrats, while criticizing the dispatch of troops as an "overreaction" and an attempt to force a resumption of Contra aid, sharply condemned the Nicaraguan action.

"There's a feeling that Mr Ortega is pretty damn stupid, indeed," said Congressman Dan Glickman, a Democratic member of the house intelligence committee who was briefed on the border raid.

"This so-called final offensive against the Contras may have made sense militarily, but it was bad politics," Senator Claiborne Pell, the Democratic chairman of the senate foreign relations committee said. Senator Sam Nunn, the influential chairman of the armed services committee, said the deployment was obviously designed to impress the Sandinistas. "I hope they get the message."

Demonstrations against the US involvement were held in San Francisco, Minneapolis, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington. Protesters carrying banners saying "No war in Central America" blocked streets, erected barricades and burnt American flags, and marched to govern ment buildings. Most of the protests involved only about 200 people.

The Administration gave out little information yesterday on the fighting in the border region, as officials admitted they were unsure of the situation. The US has noisily disputed Nicaragua's contention that they were only cross-border skirmishes, but has been unable to back up its argument with satellite photographs.

All five Democratic candidates criticized the sending of troops, but their stand varied from sharp attacks by the Rev Jesse Jackson, who accused the Administration of trying to divert attention from the Iran-Contra indictments, and Congressman Richard Gephardt, who said the move could draw the US into war, to relatively mild statements from Senator Albert Gore and Governor Michael Dukakis.



Demonstrators outside the US Army's Ford Ord base in California protesting against US troops being sent to Honduras.

More officers go in Noriega purge

From David Golloh, Panama City

Two more high-ranking military officers have been arrested and five have been obliged to take early retirement, as General Manuel Noriega continued his purge of officers who may have participated in a conspiracy to oust him.

Four officers were arrested on Wednesday, following a botched attempt to seize the general headquarters of the Panamanian Defence Forces in Panama City.

The list of those arrested or dismissed includes the top three officers of Panamanian military intelligence as well as the chief of police.

A total of 30 officers as well as 200 police and soldiers are now thought to have taken part in the coup attempt.

Troops from the elite 2000 *Battalion were sent to the* compound to put down the revolt. According to a military-controlled television station, General Noriega himself led the assault, which met with no resistance.

● **Americans held:** The US Defence Department confirmed yesterday that four US military policemen were arrested in Panama City on Thursday and detained for about eight hours before being released.

Honduran jets in border raid

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

An air strike against Nicaraguan troop positions by Honduran jet fighters yesterday appeared to settle a conflict between the two countries as to which side of the border Nicaraguans were on.

Journalists at the scene confirmed that the attack took place just inside Nicaragua, at San Andrés de Bocay, where the Sandinista Army occupies positions formerly held by Contra rebels.

The Hondurans said their recently acquired American-made F5 aircraft bombarded some 2,000 Nicaraguan soldiers several miles inside Honduran territory.

The air strike came as the first contingents of 3,400 American troops were landing in Honduras on rapid deployment exercises in response to the alleged Sandinista incursion.

In Managua, President Ortega rejected the notion that he had attacked Honduras as "an invention by twisted minds in the United States Government" who had once again been unmasked in an attempt to deceive international opinion. He described the Hondurans as victims of economic blackmail who were simply repeating what Washington told them to say.

Thirty foreign and Nicaraguan journalists were in San Andrés de Bocay for a briefing on the military situation. Lieutenant-Colonel Javier Carrion, the deputy Chief of Staff, outlined the successes of a nine-day offensive against Contra supply lines.

He said his troops had killed 90 guerrillas and wounded several hundred more in sweeps to dislodge the rebels from encampments along the Bocay and Coco rivers from which they launched incursions into Nicaragua. He put his own losses at 34 dead. Operation Danto was on a smaller scale than was previously believed yet it appears to have dealt the rebels a serious military setback on top of their political defeat in the US Congress, which earlier this month denied them further military aid.

As the briefing ended around noon, two Honduran jets made passes over the Sandinista position, firing five rockets harmlessly.

The air raid followed a pattern of similar Honduran responses to alleged Nicaraguan incursions over the years and appeared to be a warning to Managua not to press its offensive into Contra bases north of the border as it did during a similar crisis two years ago. There appeared also to be an element of face-saving in the attack by the Hondurans, who resent being cast as pawns of the Americans.

Nicaragua had already put on a show of feeling thoroughly intimidated by the arrival of the American forces. The country was placed on a state of alert, Army reservists were ordered to join their units, and radio stations played patriotic music.

President Ortega went on the air to go through his familiar scenario for an American invasion, but Managuans, who have heard such hype many times over the past eight years, went about their business unperturbed while the Army refrained from going through its customary pre-invasion routine of placing Soviet-built tanks at strategic points around the city.

At a press conference, President Ortega voiced what may be his real concern when he guessed that the American troops arriving to exercise in Honduras would leave behind large quantities of military supplies for the Contras when they withdrew as a clever means of circumventing Congress.

● SAN JOSE: Thousands of refugees and combatants are moving back and forth across Nicaragua's borders with neighbouring Honduras and Costa Rica (Martha Honey writes). This week, for instance, 216 Nicaraguan refugees, including 18 wounded guerrillas, have crossed into Costa Rica, according to United Nations and Costa Rica refugee officials.

The officials say that of the estimated 30,000 Nicaraguan Indian refugees once in Honduras, about 15,000 have already returned and another 10,000 are expected to go back over the next six months.

Gaza toll rises as Israeli soldiers are jailed

One Palestinian was killed yesterday and several injured when Israeli troops opened fire during a day of violent demonstrations in the Gaza Strip. The West Bank, in contrast, was relatively quiet, despite the heightened tension that routinely coincides with Friday prayers at mosques.

The dead Palestinian was identified by the United Nations Relief Works Agency as Hani Abu Jayyar, aged 18. His death brings to at least 86 the number of Palestinians shot dead by Israeli troops since unrest broke out in December. Palestinian sources dispute the official Israeli figure of 86 and put the number of deaths at 94.

According to the agency, five other Palestinians received gunshot wounds, and 12 more were treated for injuries after being beatened by Israeli troops during the demonstrations in the Shata refugee camp. About 100 were treated for the effects of tear gas after the camp was bombarded by with cannisters dropped from a helicopter.

Meanwhile, two of the three soldiers who buried four Palestinians alive in the West Bank village of Kafr Salem last month, have been found guilty of "shameful behaviour," and sentenced to short jail terms.

Private Yair Nissimi was jailed for two and a half months, and Private Dror Segen-Cohen for two months following a plea-bargaining agreement between their lawyers and the Army prosecutor.

The third soldier involved, Sergeant Major Charlie Danino, refused the plea bargain and is still standing trial.

In a separate court martial, the officer and two soldiers filmed by a CBS television crew last month beating two Palestinians they had arrested near Nablus, have claimed they are innocent of the assault charges against them.

Lawyers for the soldiers admitted that their clients had kicked and beaten the two Arabs — but said that they had been following orders on how to deal with stone-throwers.

None of the Palestinians involved in the two incidents was badly hurt, but the world-wide publicity evoked more outrage at Israel's policies than any other incident during the unrest.

● **Population 'bomb':** The demographic time bomb which many Israeli Jews fear will make them a minority in Palestine is ticking away five years ahead of schedule, according to Dr Meron Benvenisti, head of the West Bank Data Project.

His latest figures, published in several Israeli newspapers yesterday, estimate that Jews in Israel and the occupied territories now outnumber Arabs by only 59-41 and not by 62-38 as officially claimed.

According to official projections, the number of Jews was only expected to drop below 60 per cent of the total population in five years time.

The discrepancy relates to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Dr Benvenisti estimates there are now 1.74 million Arabs — some 322,000 more than the official figure.

He attributes this to the different criteria used by the Central Bureau of Statistics in arriving at its figures for Israel proper and for the occupied territories. He says that as a result, "Palestinians are underestimated vis-a-vis Israelis".

Dr Zvi Eisenbach, in charge of the figures for the West Bank and Gaza Strip at the bureau, acknowledged to *The Jerusalem Post* that different criteria are used in Israel and the occupied territories. But he insisted that "the difference resulting from this maybe in the tens of thousands, not in the hundreds of thousands".

Both Dr Benvenisti and Israeli officials acknowledge that their figures are only estimates as there has been no official census in the West Bank or Gaza since they were captured by Israel in 1967.

● **WASHINGTON:** Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, has described the proposal for an international Middle East peace conference as a "Soviet-Arab attempt to bypass direct negotiations" (Mohsin Ali writes). It was, he said, intended to apply pressure "on us to submit to their demands that we go back to the vulnerable, even suicidal, June 1967 (territorial) lines."

Speaking at the dedication of a new Holocaust memorial in Los Angeles on Thursday, he said: "We have tried to impress on our friends in the United States that direct negotiations are vitally important as a means of reaching peace with our neighbours."

Mr Shamir said that despite disagreements during his Washington talks with the Reagan Administration this week, the relationship between Israel and the US was "as close as ever, as strong as ever and as good as ever".

Meanwhile, Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, in an article in *The Washington Post* yesterday explained his peace plan in detail and his concept of an international conference, which would include the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Such an international conference would be specifically enjoined not to intrude in the direct negotiations, impose solutions or veto what had been agreed bilaterally.

Gorbachov shuns politics on tourist trip in Yugoslavia

From Richard Bassett in Dubrovnik
and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade

A solemn, if fleeting, reconciliation between communism and the Roman Catholic Church took place in the mediaeval town of Dubrovnik yesterday when Mr Mikhail Gorbachov paid his first official visit to a cathedral.

Accompanied by his wife, Raisa, and flanked by black and white robed nuns from the Order of the Sacred Heart, Mr Gorbachov stood for a moment's silence in front of a centuries-old fragment of a crucifix.

Throughout his tour of the city, on the fourth and last day of his visit to Yugoslavia, Mr Gorbachov tried to make it clear in the bright sunshine that this was a family sightseeing trip and that he had left the world of politics temporarily behind. Asked about Afghanistan, the Middle East and the United Nations, he curtly replied: "We're in Yugoslavia, not at home."

Eventually, pausing in front of a 15th-century Dominican monastery, Mr Gorbachov relented briefly and, addressing more than 300 journalists, talked of the "great necessity for communist countries to co-operate and communicate on all issues".

"We have discussed the current state of the communist world and how to dynamize it," Mr Gorbachov said of his talks with Yugoslav leaders. Whether he might have been drawn into more profound comments could not be seen, as he was, at the tap of his wife's arm, persuaded to foresake the prosaic detail of communist politics and admire the masonry of the Dominican church.

For Mrs Gorbachev there could be no doubt that this was the highlight of her tour of Yugoslavia. There was speculation among Yugoslav journalists yesterday that she had overridden the security anxieties of the Yugoslav authorities, and her own husband's indifference to the treasures of Dalmatia, and had insisted on visiting the cultural pearl of the Adriatic.

Moscow (AFP) — The regional committee of the Communist Party in Nagorny-Karabakh has officially called for the autonomous region to be restored to Armenia, a party official reached yesterday by telephone said. The region's future has been the focus for recent violent clashes between Azerbaijanis and Armenians.

A joint Soviet-Yugoslav declaration praising Yugoslavia's brand of self-management communism and underlining Moscow's respect for the autonomy of different socialist countries was published yesterday.

The declaration noted that "no one has a monopoly of the truth," and the "Yugoslav experience in developing a system of socialist self-management ... can enable the Soviet Union to open up possibilities of benefiting from such Yugoslav perceptions".

The 12-page document which attempts to remove any lingering suspicion in Yugoslavia that Moscow might have designs on the country, also accepted that the Soviet Union was largely to blame for the souring of relations which followed Tito's expulsion from the Cominform in 1948.

Italian journalists arrested over story on Mafia pay-offs

From Roger Boyes
Rome

A remarkable press scandal has erupted in Italy with the arrest of two investigative journalists who revealed embarrassing information about the Sicilian Mafia's alleged dealings with politicians.

The journalists, Signor Attilio Bolzoni, aged 32, from the daily *La Repubblica*, and Signor Saverio Lodato, aged 36, from the Communist Party daily, *l'Unità*, were being held yesterday in solitary confinement in a Palermo jail while their lawyers pleaded at least for the granting of bail. They could face up to 10 years in jail.

The two journalists, who have so far refused to reveal their sources, are accused of breaching official secrecy by publishing details of an investigation into claimed Mafia pay-offs and political corruption.

Their information seems to have been drawn on the confidential testimony of a new Mafia turncoat, Antonino Calderone. As a result of his confessions, arrest warrants have been coming out thick and fast — over 150 so far — but have not touched politicians.

The second charge against the journalists is of stealing state property — that is, documents related to the case. The chief Palermo Prosecutor, Dr Salvatore Curti Giardina, says that by publishing entire passages of police investigation documents they showed that they were "in possession of complete copies of the papers". Therefore, he concludes, the journalists "diverted state property with the participation of unknown public officials".

The editorial staff of both *La Repubblica* and *l'Unità* have protested to President Cossiga. To press the charges would gravely damage press freedom, the journalists say. The publication of confidential judicial documents, while not a criminal offence as such, is as in Britain, subject to restrictions under the law of contempt of court.

The defence lawyers are arguing that "this is a completely illegal procedure". They told the investigating judge on Thursday: "If there is such a thing as the illegal possession and violation of judicial secrets, then let us at least see who gave our clients access to the documents. The journalists are merely the last link in a chain."

Parliamentary deputies were aghast yesterday at the move. The Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Signor Alfredo Biondi, commented: "To take such a ferocious attitude, to put two journalists in prison, guilty only of having informed public opinion about facts that indeed involve the public, is a serious sign of the injustice of the Italian state. This is justice at dawn."

But the decision to move against the journalists seems to have been politically inspired. Earlier this year, they published the names of politicians mentioned in two secret lists kept by the former Mayor of Palermo, murdered by the Mafia. The politician, Giuseppe Insalaco, had been on the brink of telling more about political entanglements with the Mafia.

After his murder, the journalists were given copies of the lists — which included a number of ministers and at least one potential prime minister — and published them. They received a summons and they seemed subsequently to have been marked out for special treatment by the local police.

The confessions from the latest Mafia "repentant", Signor Calderone, made during lengthy interrogations, tell of secret Mafia sessions in hunting lodges where the top figures of the Cosa Nostra would plan their strategy. The names of sympathetic politicians were, it is claimed, repeatedly dropped in these meetings.

At least one of the allegations appears to have concerned the Minister of Regional Affairs, Signor Aristide Gunnella, who declared angrily: "These journalists must be very sure of their immunity to write these things — I hope they have very good sources to back up their allegations."

Signor Gunnella asked the Interior Ministry and the Justice Ministry to open an investigation. The flats and cars of the journalists were searched by police this week, but no real clues were found.

The journalists argue that they have the right to protect their sources, who must clearly be closely involved in the Mafia investigations being carried out.

Peking plan would bolster democracy in Hong Kong

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Chinese Government is considering proposals to give Hong Kong a more democratic constitution under Chinese rule than it has under Britain.

A working draft of the constitution to be adopted when Britain hands over sovereignty in 1997 contains these elements:

- Many seats on the legislature to be directly elected.
- The Chief Executive to be a local man, elected or selected in Hong Kong, but answerable to Peking. His role will be comparable to that of the present Governor, who is British and appointed by Whitehall without reference to Hong Kong's 3.7 million potential electors.
- Power for the legislature to force the Chief Executive to resign if he repeatedly refuses to sign legislation. Neither the present Executive Council nor the Legislative Council has such powers over the Governor.

China's proposals have been secret until now and will not be published until May. But Dr John Marek, Labour MP for Wrexham and vice chairman of Westminster's Hong Kong Group, has obtained a working draft which, he understands, was up-to-date on January 5. Another source told *The Times* yesterday that the draft has not been greatly changed since then, and is likely to form the basis of the final version.

Dr Marek made the document public to stimulate debate. He advocates greater democracy and feels that the proposals contain inadequate checks and balances on the power of the Chief Executive.

But the draft is seen in Whitehall as a serious attempt by Peking to live up to its commitments under the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration, in which it undertook that Hong Kong would remain substantially unchanged for 50 years after British rule ends.

It also throws a new light on last month's row over the Government White Paper on changes to Hong Kong's constitution during the remaining years of British rule. The Government has been attacked by Mr Martin Lee, a member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, and from some Labour MPs, for not introducing more democracy faster. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, argued at the time that the people of Hong Kong were deeply split over the pace of reform.

It is clear that the split has also complicated Peking's task. The Basic Law Drafting Committee, a Chinese body, consists of equal numbers of Hong Kong and Chinese representatives (but no Britons and no Hong Kong officials). Peking's delegates — officials and experts — have found themselves acting as bemused spectators during arguments among factions of the Hong Kong group.

The rivalries are reflected in the document Dr Marek has obtained. Both on the extent of direct elections, and on the method of selecting or appointing the Chief Executive, it contains options instead of a proposal.

Peking had hoped that the committee would reach agreement next month in time for publication in May. But it is now thought that the final version in May will continue to show the split.

A footnote to the document says that a majority of the committee is in favour of 25 per cent of the legislature seats being directly elected. *The Times* understands that this is unlikely to be changed in the next month. The remaining seats would be elected by functional constituencies and by an electoral college, in equal proportions.

At present the 56-strong Legislative Council has no directly elected members, all being indirectly elected or appointed.

The Chinese proposal is more ambitious than the British Government's White Paper, which announced that 10 seats (18 per cent) would be directly elected, but not until 1991. The Governor, Sir David Wilson, has said he expects a further increase between 1991 and 1997.

Behind the scenes, Peking and Whitehall have been coordinating pre-1997 changes with the post-1997 basic law. Officially, but not in practice, pre-1997 changes are a matter for Whitehall alone, and post-1997 changes concern only Peking.

The Chinese committee is also considering a proposal for half the seats to be directly elected, but that has less support. A third suggestion which has even less support, suggests that 30 per cent be selected by an advisory board, 40 per cent by functional constituencies, and 30 per cent directly elected.

Peking has told Whitehall officials that the July 1997 constitution will be only a starting point towards democracy.

Peking — The official *Tibet Daily* newspaper has attacked government officials and Communist Party cadres for sympathizing with a violent anti-Chinese demonstration which rocked the capital, Lhasa, earlier this month, and in which about 20 people were reported killed. **Letters, page 9**

Eclipse puts leader in shade



President Aquino of the Philippines using an improvised sun-filter to watch a total eclipse of the Sun in the city of General Santos on the island of Mindanao yesterday.

Scientists and spectators from around the world gazed up in awe as the solar eclipse, lasting three minutes, blacked out the city and nearby areas (AFP reports). Life also ground to a halt in other parts of the Philippines as people turned out for the eclipse covering their eyes with sunglasses, goggles or smoked glass. Thousands of people including foreign astronomers, tourists and journalists gathered in General Santos and in nearby Davao City to watch the natural phenomenon, which will not be seen in this country for another 54 years. Cocks crowed, dogs howled and other animals displayed unusual behaviour during the eclipse.

At the peak of the eclipse, the Moon was a dark sphere with a blazing corona around its edge, shadows cast by trees were crescent-shaped and car headlights and street lamps stood out in the darkness.

100 hurt in student clashes

Dhaka (Reuter) — Nearly 100 people were injured when Bangladeshi students armed with stones and hockey sticks fought with police trying to prevent cheating during school final examinations.

Police said they fired blank shots and used batons and tear gas to disperse hundreds of students who walked out of an examination centre in Western Chuadanga district on Thursday.

Fifty students were arrested. Police also fought running battles with students at other examination centres. Education officials said 800 students were expelled for adopting "unfair means" on the first day of examinations for the secondary school certificate.

Space plaque

Washington (AFP) — A Soviet spacecraft will carry to the Martian moon Phobos a silver plaque commemorating the discovery of the satellite by the US astronomer, Asaph Hall, Nasa said.

Tamils shot

Delhi (AFP) — Two Indian Gurkha soldiers, lost in the dense jungles of Sri Lanka, stumbled onto a Tamil militant bunker and captured it after a fierce firefight which left two rebels dead.

Tunis amnesty

Tunis (AFP) — President Zine ben Ali has marked the 32nd anniversary of Tunisia's independence from France by announcing an amnesty for 2,044 political and common law prisoners.

Drug sackings

Philadelphia (AP) — Four employees at the Peach Bottom nuclear plant have been dismissed and seven others suspended pending possible sacking because of alleged drug abuse, the Philadelphia Electric Company said.

Quebec's man

Ottawa — Mr Jacques Parizeau, an avowed hardliner on Quebec independence from Canada, has won the leadership of the Parti Québécois.

Death jump

New York (AFP) — Mr Steven Murkey, aged 24, died after apparently jumping from the 86th-floor observation deck of the Empire State Building and landing on a ledge five floors below, officials said.

Talk of alliances as US candidates reach halfway house

We are now halfway through the presidential election. More than 30 states have held primaries or caucuses. About half the delegates to the conventions have been selected. This is the time when pundits begin making forecasts, the strategists analyse trends and count numbers, and the front-runners cast around for running mates and more solid policies.

But this year the races on both sides have broken the conventional pattern. For the Republicans, it is already over. Mr George Bush is juggling names of possible running mates, while his advisers fashion some fighting presidential themes to ward off voter boredom. It remains only for Senator Robert Dole, mustering all the bad grace for which he is becoming notorious, to slink away with a final snarl.

But for the Democrats, the race has become a complete muddle. The Illinois primary set back each candidate. And if Mr Richard Gephardt manages to revive his moribund candidacy in Michigan next week, everyone will be back to where they began at the Iowa kick-off. Illinois was the worst possible result for everyone.

It was a false dawn for Senator Paul Simon: his old-fashioned Hubert Humphrey liberalism may win a few more votes in Wisconsin, but it will carry him no further.

For the Rev Jesse Jackson, Illinois put a damper on hopes of winning over the vital white vote in the big industrial states. He is still doing better than expected, and is the candidate who has most visibly grown on the trail. But he can no longer build on a black base in the coming primaries in sparsely populated northern states or those like California.

And Albert Gore, a young man lifted to rhetorical heights in his native South, fell flat on his face in the harsher northern climes. That leaves only Governor Michael Dukakis. But what is he offering? Where is the inspiration or leadership? How well does the Massachusetts miracle stand up to scrutiny? Conventional wisdom, a poor guide in this roller-coaster election, would give the ultimate prize in November to Mr Bush. The Republicans have lost the White House only four times this century.

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

But the broad picture of Mr Reagan's successes, and Mr Bush's association with them, hides much. There are widespread pockets of dissatisfaction: on the farms in the Midwest, among textile workers in the South, among the urban poor who are getting poorer, the middle classes over education and drugs, intellectuals worried about the deficit, American leadership and Central America. There is growing concern in the country that the good times may be ending, the bills will have to be paid and that social problems are piling up. Above all there is a feeling that it is time for a change. The "sleaze factor" is beginning to anger people: too many officials have been indicted, too much in Washington seems old and stale.

Figures also show that the present Democratic muddle may not last for long. Three real front-runners have already emerged: Messrs Dukakis, Gore and Jackson. They know they will have to do a deal; no one in the party wants a brokered convention. And it still looks as though Mr Dukakis will win on the first ballot. It is exactly a year since he announced he was entering the "marathon" for the White House. His wins have been where it matters: among the intellectuals and opinion-makers who comment and pontificate; among Spanish-speakers, who will make a big difference in primaries such as California; among the young and upwardly mobile, and, in sufficient though not impressive numbers, among the middle classes. Mr Jackson may bring almost as many delegates to Atlanta. He is no longer an outsider. But the party machine, hungry for the White House, will not nominate a man whose policies are still controversial.

The likely and best scenario is therefore a Dukakis-Gore ticket (though one commentator, only half joking, said it would never work having the candidate a foot shorter than his running mate). Mr Jackson must be first offered the slot if he has more delegates, or the snub will rankle. But he has said he will refuse: the role of platform-writer and king-maker leaves him with greater undiminished long-term influence, without allowing others to say his presence on the ticket lost the election.

Dukakis-Gore could be a formidable challenge to Bush-Kemp, or Bush and Mr Lamar Alexander, former Governor of Tennessee. Mr George Deukmejian, Governor of California, Mrs Nancy Kassenbaum, a Kansas senator, Mr Richard Lugar, an Indiana senator or the other names now being proposed. And, Democrats insist, Mr Bush has been unable to focus his message or personality for America in seven years. A fine organization and President Reagan's coat tails may not be enough to see him through to victory in November.

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Hunt for well-connected white over ANC blast

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African police have launched a nationwide manhunt for the 24-year-old son of a distinguished Afrikaner professor and former newspaper editor after Thursday's car bomb in Krugersdorp, west of Johannesburg, which killed three people and injured 20 others.

Mr Heinrich Johannes Grosskopf is described by the police as a "highly trained terrorist" member of the outlawed African National Congress. A reward of 50,000 rands (£13,000) has been offered for information leading to his arrest.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, ordered Mr Grosskopf's picture to be shown on national television on Thursday night and said he had no doubt that the young Afrikaner white had carried out the Krugersdorp bombing on the instructions of the ANC.

Mr Grosskopf is the son of Professor H J Grosskopf, head of the department of journalism at Stellenbosch University in Cape province and a former editor of *Beeld*, a government-supporting Afrikaans newspaper. His uncle is a Supreme Court judge.

Professor Grosskopf confirmed yesterday that the man in the picture shown on television was his son but declined to comment on the matter further, other than to say that he had not seen his son for more than two years.

Over the years a handful of whites have been convicted of active involvement with the ANC and several of these have been Afrikaners, the same ethnic group to which virtually all members of the Government belong. But few have been as well-connected as Mr Grosskopf junior.

Detectives are anxious to question him, not only about the Krugersdorp bombing but also about two explosions last year, as part of an investigation into what they describe as "an interlinking series of terrorist acts".

They believe Mr Grosskopf was involved in a car bombing outside the Witwatersrand Command of the South African Defence Force in Johannesburg which injured 87 people, and in another car bombing outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court in which four policemen died and 15 other people were wounded.

The ANC, which has its headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, has not yet offered any comment on Thursday's blast.

One of the three people killed in Thursday's explosion, all of whom were black, was a policeman. The rest of the dead and injured were civilians so far as is known. Seventeen of the wounded, including a 15-month-old baby, were white and three were black.

The bomb was planted outside the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court, and if the ANC was responsible it may well have been intended as a reprisal for the threatened hanging of the Sharpeville Six. If so, it is a tragic irony that it should have gone off only hours before the six were granted a stay of execution.

Mr Grosskopf is described as softly spoken, fair haired and blue-eyed. He usually wears a beard. After attending a prestigious Afrikaans high school he enrolled at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, but dropped out in 1985, and vanished without trace in January 1986.

The police say they are also hunting for six accomplices of Mr Grosskopf who were seen speeding from the scene of Thursday's explosion in a white car and a yellow van. One was said to be in his early thirties with an Afro hairstyle.

Meanwhile, the Government has refused a passport to Mr Govan Mbeki, the elderly ANC leader released last November after nearly 25 years in jail.

Mr Mbeki, aged 77, received a letter from the Department of Home Affairs on Wednesday saying that his passport application had been unsuccessful, his lawyer, Mrs Priscilla Jana, said. No reason was given.



A white South African, Mr Mark Smith, travelling with black workers to Pretoria yesterday from Mamelodi township where he and some 180 other whites have been living for four days to sample township life as part of a church experiment.

Christians cross racial divide

By Our Foreign Staff

About 180 white South Africans have left their comfortable homes in the white suburbs of Johannesburg and other cities to spend four nights with black families in Mamelodi, a sprawling African township outside Pretoria.

In exchange, some 35 blacks are staying with white families in Pretoria. The idea is for each group to get a taste of life on the other side of the apartheid fence.

However, it was disclosed yesterday that two of the participants, one white and one black, were detained by police in Mamelodi on Thursday.

One of the programme organizers said that Ms Sandy Lebese, a field worker with the Pretoria Council of Churches, was still in custody. Mr Murray Hofmeyr, a white theology graduate who was staying with her, had been released after being held overnight.

The experiment, dubbed "Christian Encounter in Mamelodi", is the brainchild of Dr Nico Smith, a remarkable Afrikaner priest who resigned as a professor at the University of Stellenbosch six years ago in protest at apartheid.

It was unheard-of in the Nederdnitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK), as the white branch of the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) is known, for a theology professor to abandon so prestigious and comfortable an academic post for ordinary congregational work.

But Dr Smith, who could not square his conscience with the Government's treatment of black squatters in the Cape, went a step further by joining the NGK in Afrika, the section of the DRC ministers exclusively to blacks.

He managed to persuade the authorities to waive the Group Areas Act, which enforces segregation in residential areas, to permit him and his wife to live in Mamelodi, where he preaches. It is a far cry from the oak-shaded streets of Stellenbosch.

Dr Smith has organized regular dinners at which whites and blacks get together in each other's homes. But the four-day "encounter" is the first of its kind — "a delicate plant that we hope will take root", in the words of Dean Robin Briggs, an Anglican clergyman who is also involved.

Unlike Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who has become a spokesman for the cause of liberation, Dr Smith is not often seen on public platforms. But his view of the future is as uncompromising and stark as anyone's.

"I am not working for the prevention of a disaster — it is too late for that — but to prepare people for the disaster," he says. "I try to get whites to sit down with black people and decide what sort of life they will have after the disaster".

By general consent, the need for education is far greater on the white side. Most blacks have to travel to "white" cities to work, and many are employed as servants in white homes.

Few whites, other than policemen or soldiers, venture into black townships. Almost none has ever spent a night in a black home.

"We have to admit that apartheid has been very successful in keeping us apart physically," says the Rev Dante Anderson, a 75-year-old retired United Congregational Church minister, who is one of the white volunteers.

"Even liberals, and I regard myself as one, have a daily relationship with blacks which tends to be that of master and servant. We don't often meet in each other's homes or enjoy true fellowship as Christians."

Worrall spells out policies of new party

From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg

Dr Denis Worrall, Pretoria's former Ambassador to Britain, presented South Africa's latest political group, the Independent Party, to the world on Thursday night at a founding meeting attended by about 1,000 people in the town hall of Somerset West in the western Cape.

Somerset West is the main town in the Helderberg constituency where Dr Worrall came within 39 votes of unseating Mr Chris Heunis, a senior Cabinet minister, in the general election last year after resigning as ambassador.

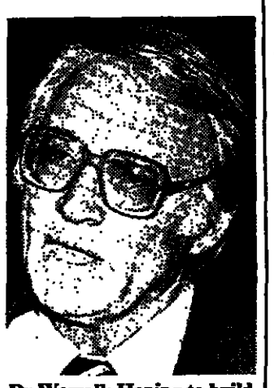
Dr Worrall was given a standing ovation as he entered the hall to the theme tune from the English film *Chariots of Fire*.

He told the crowd the party's vision was of a non-racial, democratic South Africa with a free-market economy. But he offered litte by way of detailed policy.

The party expects to take over what remains of the New Republic Party, the rump of the old United Party of General Smuts, and also hopes to attract defectors from both the liberal Progressive Federal Party and the more liberal-minded wing of President Botha's ruling National Party.

Dr Worrall believes that his party could win some 20 of the 166 directly-elected seats in the white House of Assembly if a general election were held now, but most observers are more sceptical about its prospects.

Six months ago Dr Worrall fell out with Mr Wynand Malan, a fellow independent candidate at the 1987 general election, and the two men went their separate ways.



Dr Worrall: Hoping to build a new liberal power base.

Bonn in pursuit of data hackers

From John England Bonn

The West German Government is cracking down on computer "hackers" who break into international data networks, but justice officials admit that establishing cases against the electronic offenders is proving difficult.

A lack of experts who can help local public prosecutors raise convincing charges against hackers is also hampering investigations.

Young West German hackers from the Chaos Computer Club, in Hamburg, last year shocked the authorities when they revealed they had gained access to an international network linked to the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

They said they had "cracked" about 135 computer systems around the world, including those of three British research institutes and the European Space Operations Centre in Darmstadt, near Frankfurt. But although Bonn made computer "hacking" a crime in August 1986, punishable by up to three years in prison, and federal criminal bureau agents twice raided club members' homes, none of them was arrested.

The Hamburg public prosecutor opened an investigation into their self-confessed illegal activities, which is still proceeding. French police, however, have acted faster and last Wednesday arrested one of the club's leading lights, Herr Steffen Wernery, aged 26, when he arrived in Paris to attend a computer conference.

Herr Wernery, now in a remand prison, has been charged with theft and damaging computer wares. Complaints against him were laid by the French subsidiary of the Philips electronics concern, one of the Hamburg hackers' targets.

Despite their present problems in pinning down hackers, the West German authorities are taking them seriously. Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Interior Minister, said yesterday that hacking was of great significance and should not be played down as mere offences by children and juveniles. Data processing was the "life nerve" of many companies, he added, and every disturbance to it could lead to widespread damage.

Computer crime in West Germany, Herr Zimmermann said, was growing rapidly, with a total of about 3,000 cases registered last year. Some 80 per cent of them involved fraud, with sabotage occurring infrequently.

Sharpeville Six lawyers take first steps to reopen trial

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Lawyers for the Sharpeville Six, the five black men and one black woman convicted of the murder of a black township councillor four years ago, said yesterday they had already begun preparing an application for a reopening of their trial.

On Thursday, after receiving new evidence, the judge in the case, Mr W J Human, granted the six, who would otherwise have gone to the gallows yesterday morning, a stay of execution until April 18. The application for a reopening must be lodged by then.

"Once we have lodged the application, the judge and the registrar of the Supreme Court will give us a date for the application to be heard. On that date we will argue for the reopening of the case," Mr Prakash Diar, a member of the defence team, said yesterday.

Legal experts here emphasized that what is being sought is not a retrial but only a reopening of the trial of the six which ended in December 1985. The verdict was upheld by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in December last year.

This means that Judge Human, who presided over the original trial, will also decide whether it should be reopened and will hear the new evidence if it is. It will then be up to him to decide whether he should change his original judgement.

The main purpose of reopening the trial would be to permit further cross-examination of a young black state witness, Mr Joseph Manete, who, the judge now accepts, may have given false testimony in implicating two of the six in the killing of the councillor, Mr Jacob Dlamini.

It is most unlikely that the judge would be prepared to reconsider the main basis of his judgement, namely that the six were guilty of murder by sharing the "common purpose" of a 100-strong mob to kill Mr Dlamini, even though none was proved to have caused his death.

After he had granted the stay of execution, the judge angrily rebuked "some newspapers here and abroad" for suggesting that the six had been convicted of murder merely for being part of a riotous crowd. As previously reported he appeared to have in mind an article in *The Times*. He said this was "absolute nonsense". On the evidence before him he had been satisfied that all six had been "active participants" in the killing.

A large number of armoured vehicles lined the street outside the Pretoria Central Prison where the six were due to have been hanged yesterday, presumably as a precaution against possible disturbances.

The prison authorities confirmed that one man was hanged yesterday. He was Tsepo Letsoara, aged 24, a black who was convicted of murder for his part in the "necklace" burning of a black woman near Port Elizabeth in 1985.

Violent run-up to Kenya poll

From Andrew Bucoke, Nairobi

Controversy and sporadic violence between rival supporters have dogged campaigning for Kenya's parliamentary election on Monday. The poll has been further overshadowed by accusations of irregularities in the preliminaries held last month.

The religious magazine *Beyond* has been banned after its last issue made detailed allegations of rigging in the preliminaries, which were held for the first time under the queuing system. This involves members of Kenya's sole ruling party, Kanu, selecting, from photographs, up to three candidates for each constituency.

In 60 of the 188 constituencies there will be no election on Monday, either because candidates were nominated unopposed, or because they got more than 70 per cent of the preliminary vote.

Beyond criticized the disenfranchisement of voters who are not Kanu members, but concentrated its report on alleged irregularities in five constituencies. Administration officials were accused of intimidating voters against certain candidates, and of falsifying the figures — which queuing was supposed to render impossible.

The magazine is sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Kenya, which groups most of the Protestant churches in the country. But both Protestant and Catholic clergy have criticized the queuing method.

In two of the constituencies on which *Beyond* focused, controversial sitting MPs were thrown out. This attracted attention as both Mr Kimani wa Nyoike and Mr Charles Rubia had been among the few MPs prepared to criticize the Government.

Mr Martin Shikuku, another MP well-known for his revelations of misconduct in high places, claims his campaign for re-election is being hampered by the Administration. At one stage he was denied the right to hold campaign meetings.

It could be asked what all the fuss is about, as real power in Kenya is confined to President Moi and a group of close advisers, most of whom will be unopposed on Monday. President Moi is guaranteed another five-year term following his declaration as the party's sole candidate earlier this month.

But many Kenyans valued the ability of the independent voices in Parliament to raise issues, even if little action followed, and are concerned by the increasing subjugation of the institution to Kanu and the Government. There are fewer and fewer checks on the power of an elite which is widely perceived to derive its wealth from corruption and nepotism.

Declarations of the party's supremacy over Parliament, the removal of the security of tenure of the auditor-general and attorney-general, an increasing tendency to govern by directive and growing intolerance of dissent have been features of Kenyan politics in the last two years.

Even moderate critics are liable to be accused of sympathy for MwaKenya, a shadowy Marxist movement that claims to be waging a guerrilla war against a "neo-colonialist" Government.

MwaKenya was never a serious threat and its confirmed action has been limited to attempting to derail a train. It has apparently submerged completely since a security crackdown in which more than 70 alleged members were jailed. The fact that all confessed — usually following their detention incommunicado for several weeks before trial — has lent credence to persistent allegations of torture.

To many Kenyans it is a matter of indifference which members of that elite are elected. This may be reflected in the turnout on Monday.

There was great interest in *Beyond's* allegations. More than 80,000 copies of the last issue were printed, compared with a usual run of about 20,000. Now even the possession of one renders the holder liable to up to three years' imprisonment.

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Student fury boils over in Athens

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greek riot police battled with young extremists who hurled firebombs at the Athens Law School after the annual Student Union elections yesterday in which conservatives students took a strong lead. They received over one-third of the 70,000 votes, while the pro-Moscow Communists came a close second.

The student branch of the ruling Socialist Party, Pasok, lagged behind with 14.5 per cent of the vote. Its severe losses appear to reflect widespread resentment over the chaotic state of Greek education at all levels.

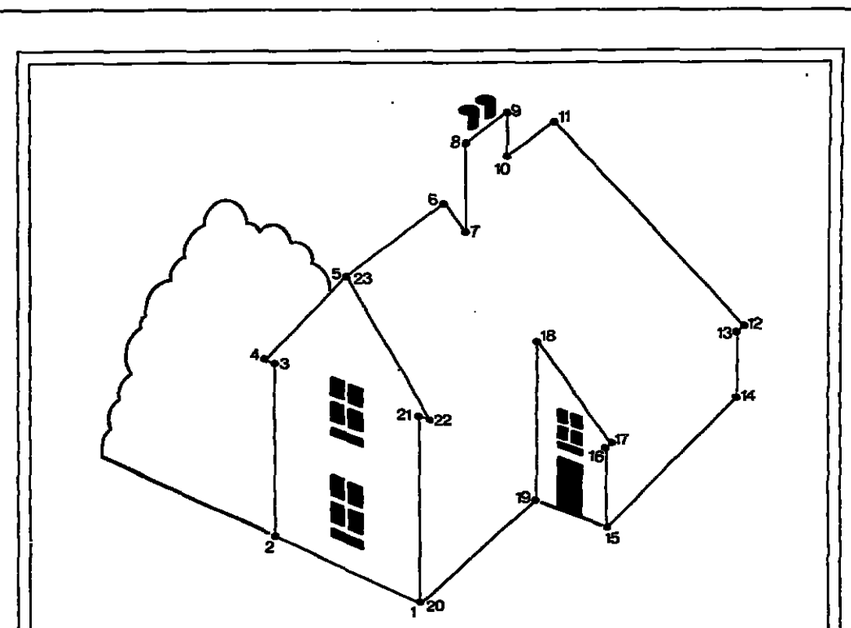
Thousands of students, schoolchildren, teachers and parents demonstrated all week outside the Education Ministry, each group with its own grievances.

At one point they held hands and surrounded the building in a symbolic siege. Others decided to camp outside the ministry.

However, Mr Antonis Tritsis, the Education Minister, was out for an emergency meeting yesterday with the Prime Minister and the Economics Minister, in the hope of squeezing funds out of a tight state budget to meet demands for higher pay for teachers, improved school facilities and job security for technical school leavers.

In fact, technical school pupils, who have a long list of demands, have been occupying some 152 school buildings in the Athens area for the past five weeks, forcing thousands of secondary school pupils sharing the same premises by rotation to stay home and risk missing the year.

Opposition parties calling for the resignation of the Education Minister have had unexpected support from within the Socialist ranks, but Mr Tritsis has survived the challenge.



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TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

This is the column that knows class when it sees it. This week, let us salute the footballing achievement of the season. Every real football person knows that the best competition of the year is the FA Vase. This is not, of course, the non-League version of the FA Cup – that's the FA Trophy. The Vase is for teams below the non-League's first rank, and it tends to be won by such teams as Halesowen Town and St Helens Town. In its small way, the Vase is a pretty big deal. So let us salute the boys of Bashley, who play today in the FA Vase semi-final first leg at home against Emley.

Emley is pretty small by the competition's standards: it is a mining village of 2,000 souls. But Bashley is no more than a flyspeck on the map, a village on the edge of the New Forest with a population of 200: "Blink and you might miss it," said their secretary, Cyril Hurlock.

They play on a gorgeous little ground surrounded by oak trees. They have no stands, and no seats, and five years ago they were playing in the Bournemouth and District League. Now they have reached the heights of the Wessex League, were champions last year, and are currently second with games in hand.

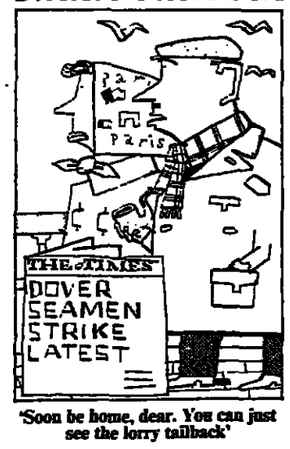
This is the first season they have even had the temerity to enter the Vase and, on their way to the semis, they played Newbury Town before a "crowd" of 77. That was away: remarkably for a village of 200 they get 300 supporters at home, and their record gate was established this season when an earlier Vase tie pulled in 795.

They have two Bashley boys in their youthful side, which has attracted the attention of Football League scouts, and their booming club-house is the financial reason for their success. They have lashed out £2,000 to bring in 1,500 seats for today's game, and hope for a gate of 4,000. Bashley, and its 200 villagers, are just 180 minutes from Wembley: away the lads, say I.

I fear that this is the end of the Pub Argument As We Know It. Let us consider some of the eternal questions of sport: which was the first team to win the Super Bowl, and in what year? Who won the world archery championship last year? Who won the first FA Cup Final? Who is the Olympic marathon champion? Who has won the Australian Rules Football Grand Final the most times? Such questions can provide hours of chaotic conversation for those without the intellectual resources to compete in terms of how many of the Seven Dwarfs they can name. But the recently published *Dictionary of Sporting Champions* has taken all that fun away: it has the answer to every rambling sporting argument you could name. The answers to the questions above, are at the foot of the page. And these are only from sports listed under A.

Faithful readers will recall the Dan-Air League strugglers, Westfield, with a 100 per cent losing record: the Eddie Edwardses of football. But they are not alone in their plight: this season's new and generally fab magazine, *Non-League Traveller*, tells me that Maldon Town of the Essex League are also 100 percenters. But even they cannot rival the melancholy distinction of Parson Drove of the Peterborough and District League: a league low down the ladder, but still in senior football. At the last count, Parson Drove had a 100 per cent record of 21 games, having scored 17 goals and conceded a heart-breakingly generous 127. Their nearest rivals, Somersham Town, have scored eight and conceded a mere 22. And they have a win this season, too.

BARRY FANTONI



'Soon be home, dear. You can just see the lorry tailback'

Footballing vicars: I can now reveal, thanks to Norman Epps of the Corinthian-Casuals, that five ordained Corinthians have played in full internationals: for England we have the Reverends A. Amos, K.R.C. Hunt, F.W. Pawson and G.B. Raikes and, for Wales, the Rev C.H. Davies. We know about Hunt, who scored a Cup Final goal for Wolves, also played in two full internationals and 18 amateur internationals, "a true symbol of public school muscular Christianity," as Mr Epps justly remarks.

The Corinthians and the Casuals (at one stage two teams, of course) have between them produced more than 30 footballing churchmen, including a bishop and two archdeacons. Most of them strutted their stuff in the previous century, but the Corinthian-Casuals' "overworked defence of the 1945-46 season" lined up with the Rev P.T. Halloran at full-back and the Rev W. Davies in goal.

The world record for continuous snooker is 316 hours – no, it wasn't broadcast non-stop by the BBC, it just seemed that way – but it is a record ripe for the plucking. Mick Matthews and Steve Elam of Bramley ambulance station, Leeds, are the boys to break it: Joe Johnson will break off for them at 10am on Monday at the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds and, after that, it's eyes down for a fortnight's non-stop click-click-click. The British Heart Foundation will get money from sponsorship for this spot of insanity: the two players will gain a lifetime's aversion to the game.

ANSWERS: 1 Green Bay Packers, in 1966. 2 Ma Xiaojuan of China. 3 Wanderers. 4 Carlos Lopes of Portugal. 5 Carlton and Essendon, with 14 wins each. (I can't help you with the dwarfs).

Johannesburg

The five black men and one black woman known as the Sharpeville Six have moved out of the shadow of the gallows, at least for the time being. The international appeals for clemency – still pouring in late on Thursday, hours after the judge had granted a four-week stay of execution – have ceased. But the issue will not go away.

A reopening of their trial – not, it is important to note, a re-trial – will now be sought. The decision to reopen lies with Mr W.J. Human, the trial judge who also granted the stay of execution after receiving fresh evidence that a black state witness might have given false testimony in implicating two of the six in the murder of a Sharpeville councillor, Mr Jacob Dlamini, on September 3, 1984.

If the trial is reopened, the same judge will hear the new evidence. The main purpose of the reopening would be to allow further cross-examination of the state witness concerned, Mr Joseph Manete. Some very compelling new facts would have to be produced to persuade the judge to change his main judgement, which was unanimously upheld by a five-man bench of the Appeal Court.

Michael Hornsby on the likely course of the Sharpeville trial

Will the six still hang?

The essence of this was that the six were guilty of murder because they had all been active members of a 100-strong mob whose "common purpose" had been to kill Mr Dlamini by stoning and burning, even though it had not been proved that any one of the six individually had "contributed causally" to his death.

Even after the hearing of the new evidence concerning Mr Manete's testimony, which directly affects only two of the six, there must be a strong probability that the death sentences will be upheld at least for the other four. Then, once again, only an appeal to President Botha for clemency would remain.

From the outset the political and legal implications of the trial became intextricably intertwined. There is no doubt that for thousands of blacks Mr Dlamini, as a black official operating within a government-sponsored system of township councils, was a puppet and collaborator who deserved to die. On this view those who killed him were not murderers but resistance fighters.

This attitude is explicit in the title of the body – the Save the Patriots Campaign – set up here to agitate for their reprieve and that of others charged with similar offences. As Dr Frank Chikane, the black general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, warned the authorities this week: "Those who are criminals today may be regarded as heroes tomorrow."

It often seems that those campaigning on behalf of the six are less concerned about saving their lives than about assuring them of their place in the pantheon of black political martyrs. This is ironic as the striking thing about the six is that none is a political activist. They are typical of thousands of ordinary residents caught up in the maelstrom of anger that engulfed townships across the country in 1984, 1985 and 1986.

A slightly different view is that the turmoil was a product of the government's apartheid policy and the denial of all normal political and social rights to the black majority. The violence and killings committed in such outbursts of popular revolt against oppression, it is argued, cannot be treated as crimes in the normal sense.

This was the gist of Archbishop Desmond Tutu's appeal to President Botha for clemency. "It is my firm belief," he wrote, "that only the establishment of true justice and peace will bring to an end the horrible confrontations such as that in which Mr Dlamini lost his life.

The Supreme Court, not unreasonably, took the view that such considerations were no part of its brief, which was simply to determine whether the six were guilty of murder. It is unfair to suggest that the court cynically invented the doctrine of "common purpose" merely to enable it to pass the death sentence on anyone present at a riot where a person is killed.

"Common purpose" has a respectable, if controversial, legal history. The court did not argue that anyone in the crowd was automatically guilty of murder. The judge took the view that there had to be "active association" by the individual concerned with the mob's general intent. In the case of two other men originally charged with the six he found that such an association did not exist.

During the trial the judge accepted evidence that the six had been involved in various actions, including stoning Mr Dlamini, taking his pistol, exhorting other members of the crowd to kill him, making and handing out petrol bombs and setting his house on fire.

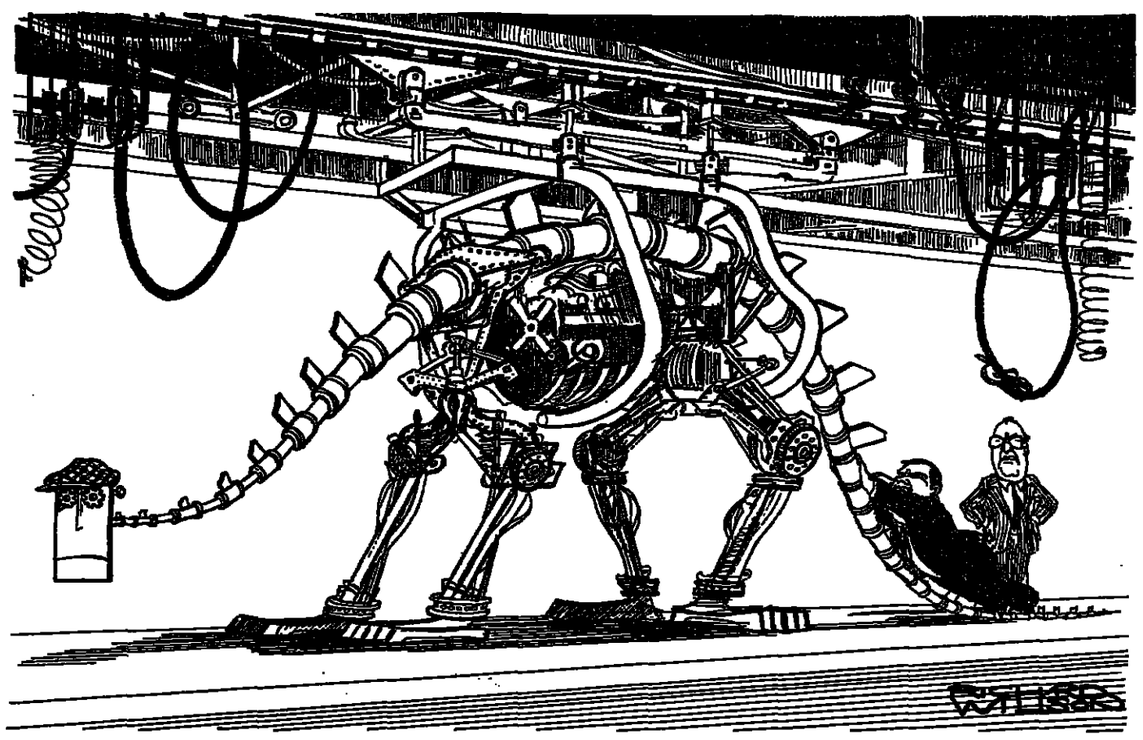
None the less, it remains that none of the six was proved directly to have caused Mr Dlamini's death. This raises worrying questions. Where are the actual killers? Why were they never arrested? What about other members of the crowd, many of whom must have been at least as guilty as the six?

If the trial is reopened, the defence lawyers are likely to concentrate on trying to discredit the evidence and the witnesses on which the judge reached his judgment rather than on contesting the principle of "common purpose". Some of this evidence looks, at least to the layman, less than compelling and may well be vulnerable to challenge.

President Botha stubbornly says he will not interefere with the decision of the courts. Yet reprieves are granted. At the end of last month Mr Botha commuted to eight years' imprisonment a death sentence passed on a black policeman who, a Supreme Court judge found, had "cold-bloodedly" shot dead an "innocent youth". It is not clear what extenuating circumstances applied in that case which do not apply in the case of the six.

Michael Ancram

This tragedy for Scotland



In ordinary circumstances Thursday March 17 might have been expected to go down in the pages of industrial history as the day that unemployment, under a Conservative government, fell to its lowest United Kingdom level for seven years, in Scotland for five. It will instead be recorded as the day that the Labour movement, knowingly and wittingly, sank the prospect of nearly 1,000 vital new jobs in an area of desperate unemployment.

The decision of Ford to pull out of its planned investment of some £40 million in a hi-tech electronics plant in Dundee was hardly unexpected. From the moment the trade union movement made it clear that it was not prepared to wear the single-union deal which the Amalgamated Engineering Union had struck with the company, the writing was on the wall. It is no less traumatic for that.

Nor is it made less unacceptable by the ironic way in which the drama has unfolded. On the one side, promoting the creation of jobs, was a coalition of a Conservative administration in Scotland, rebuffed by the local electorate in June, and the AEU led by one James Airlie, remembered for his militant days alongside Jimmy Reid at Upper Clyde. On the other, and ultimately responsible for Ford's tragic but understandable decision, stood the bulk of the union movement and an uncharacteristically cowed and silent Labour Party. That line-up alone should give cause for reflection.

It is undoubtedly right, but hardly a consolation, for Donald Dewar, the shadow secretary of state for Scotland, to tell us after the event that "there are a lot of hard lessons to be learned". Those lessons, and the implications of what this tragedy means for Scotland and the United Kingdom, need not only to be learned but learned fast.

First, there can be no doubt that the responsibility for this débâcle lies firmly with the trade unions as a whole. No amount of huffing and puffing about the timing of Ford's announcement can mitigate that fact. From the moment the union movement made it clear that it was more interested in maintaining outdated principles than in securing much-needed jobs, the stain on its hands was indelibly imprinted. Unless and until the unions accept that, there are few remedies which can be applied to mitigate the implications of what has happened.

The main implication is not only tragic for Dundee, but devastating for Scotland as a whole. For decades this part of the United Kingdom had suffered from a reputation for poor industrial relations which had severely hampered the efforts of successive governments to encourage voluntary investment and jobs. The result was a perception that Scotland was not a secure place in which to invest.

Over the past few years that picture had begun to change. Scottish workers and their unions appeared to have accepted that their best interests depended on a positive and overt act of will to make their industries prosperous. The steelworkers at Ravenscraig set the pace and others followed.

The image of industrial irresponsibility began to fade, replaced by a picture of determination to revive Scotland by co-operation and hard work. Even the unavoidable impression that almost every militant union leader in the UK spoke with a Scottish accent was more than counterbalanced by the evidence that Scottish industry was getting its act together. Economic regeneration was replacing traditional shibboleths as the motivator in industrial life.

The results were encouraging. Inward investment picked up. Major projects like Caledonian Paper at Irvine and Ford in Dundee began to become a regular feature of inside-page news reporting, rather than the startlingly rare front-page headlines they had previously been. Scotland was seen to be a place worth investing in, and part of that perception was based on the type of arrangement and understanding exemplified in the single-union deal struck between the AEU and Ford for Dundee. Gavin Laird epitomized the new spirit of responsibility and common sense. The fact that this deal was visibly supported by James Airlie underlined the change in attitude and direction of organized labour in Scotland. A new, exciting and constructive era was genuinely dawning – or so it seemed until Thursday.

Today's picture, dramatically broadcast around the world, is a very different one. It depicts the constructive approach upon which so many hopes and intentions had been founded as no more than a front. At the first hurdle it has effectively been ditched by a union movement more concerned with counting members and subscriptions, more intent on defending outdated concepts of industrial relations than in the provision and creation of jobs.

That new picture, if it is sustained, will prove immeasurably damaging to Scotland, and by association to the rest of the UK. Worse, it is short-sighted, a failure to see that single-union agreements attract investment, which in turn create jobs.

Ford in Dundee was not alone. The new Caledonian Paper Mill at Irvine is another and there are further major projects in the pipeline where the choice between Scotland and the rest of Europe may depend on such agreement. It is essentially short-sighted because it fails to see that the first and most important objective of government, management and unions alike in Scotland is to attract and create viable and lasting jobs, and that it is in doing that, above all else, that the interest of the workforce is best served.

For all those who have worked so hard to establish the new attitudes in Scotland, Thursday night is a bitter blow; not just for Dundee, but for the rest of the country as it reverberates around the world that Scotland "is at it again". An opportunity to show that sensible industrial agreements could be reached and made to stick has been chucked out of the window for nothing more than the satisfaction of outmoded trade union principles.

Clever debating points cannot avoid the truth that Dundee and Scotland have been severely damaged by the actions of union leaders who, with the honourable exception of the electricians and the AEU, have put their internal politics before the interests of their members.

The position is not irretrievable, but the job ahead is very much harder. What is certain is that the next time the Labour Party and the TUC announce they are the champions of the unemployed and that they alone can restore full employment, they will be met by anger in Dundee, and in the rest of Scotland by a hollow laugh.

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Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

Meeting his doom

New York

Whatever else, Professor Ravi Batra of Dallas's Southern Methodist University has certainly hit an American nerve. More than 600,000 copies of his *The Great Depression of 1990* are now in print in the US. It has been on the *New York Times* best-seller list for an astonishing 33 weeks.

Reviewing the book last summer, I described it as "awful, appalling, terrible, no redeeming features whatever". That balanced judgement clearly had no effect on its sales, but the response I received was otherwise unusually intense. Among the telephone calls was one from a leading investment conference organization. I was told that because I had cast rather harsh aspersions on some of the things that Batra had claimed when I interviewed him over the telephone, he was willing to debate with me.

So recently I found myself on the same platform with Professor Batra, before an audience of several hundred earnest note-taking middle Americans. Batra is a small, dark, bird-like man with a vague blink and a bland smile. Despite our interview, he quite obviously had no idea who I was. This was a relief, because it meant I would be able to use the same arguments on him again – but it also meant that he might well be impervious to them anyway.

Which proved to be pretty much the case. I had discovered, for example, that many of Batra's (and his publisher's) claims are ludicrously exaggerated. For example, he is not regarded as "one of the top trade theorists in the world", at least by any of the top trade theorists I spoke to. The academic journal *Economic Inquiry* categorically denies that it ever named him "third of 46 'superstars' selected from all the economists at US and Canadian universities".

Then there's the matter of P.R. Sarkar, whom Batra credits in his book with discovering the socio-economic cycles that make a 1990 depression inevitable. Batra describes Sarkar as "a leading scholar from India, who has profoundly enriched the literature of many disciplines, including economics, political science, poetry, psychology, linguistics, art, and above all, spirituality".

When I interviewed Batra, he told me that Sarkar had "founded a university". Subsequently, I discovered that Sarkar is the leader of a Hindu cult called Ananda Marga that has been linked with hijackings, child abduction, homosexuality, and rites involving human skulls. Sarkar had been in jail in connection with the murder of some errant disciples, although his conviction was overturned on a technicality.

After this, it's almost anticlimactic to find that Batra's alleged cycles work only if you ignore inconvenient historical events, such as the depression of the 1890s and the French and Russian revolutions; or that he shows no knowledge of the considerable body of academic work disputing his contention that wealth in the US is growing more concentrated, relying for proof entirely on odd items culled from newspapers.

In person, Batra gets around these difficulties in a very instructive way. First, he barely refers to the cycle theory, going back thousands of years and with roots in four fundamentally different human personality types, that he espoused in his book. Instead, he simply blames everything on poor old Ronald Reagan, who has been in power only since 1981.

Actually, of course, the US federal deficit, total tax revenue and defence costs relative to gross national product are not now particularly exceptional in historic terms. But the contrary perception is so deeply rooted that Batra can apparently get away with it.

Secondly, Batra stoically disregards all attacks and relies on repeated assertion. For example, we got into a wrangle about his claim to have predicted last year's stock market crash – itself a difficulty for him, because his book says (and he still insists) that the market will rise until 1990. Eventually, with an injured air, he read out the last paragraph of page 139: *The stock market will continue to rise, but its total percentage gain by the end of 1987 may not be as strong as its gain in 1986.*

That's it. That's Batra's forecast of the 1987 crash. The audience listened impassively. They did laugh when I tried to get Batra to repeat his astonishing assertion never to have made an error. ("I've never made a mistake in forecasts? Not to my knowledge.") But I can't be sure what they thought.

It must have been a strange spectacle, two immigrants arguing about the US economy in their outlandish accents. To adapt F.E. Smith's famous phrase: America continues to offer glittering prizes to those with stout hearts, sharp swords, and swift tongues.

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SCIENCE REPORT

An urge to eat

The migratory behaviour of the Atlantic salmon and other fish – for which many complex theories have been put forward – may be the result of nothing more complicated than availability of food.

The suggestion is made in this week's *Science* by Dr Mart Gross and Ronald Coleman, at the University of Toronto, and Dr Robert McDowall of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The essence of the puzzle is that some fish (such as the Atlantic salmon) breed in fresh-water rivers but feed in the oceans, while others (such as eels) do precisely the opposite. For both the physiological cost of being able to adapt from one environment to another must be considerable.

Gross and his colleagues believe the clue to the origin of this contrasting behaviour lies in their variation with latitude – a fact first pointed out by McDowall. Of 41 species of fish (including the migratory eels) that spawn in the oceans and feed in fresh water, most are found in the tropics. By contrast, fish that spawn in rivers, leaving their young to find their way to ocean feeding grounds, tend to live at more than 35 degrees north or south of the equator.

Gross and his colleagues began by reasoning that the direction of fish migration may be driven by differences in the availability of food in fresh water and in the oceans, and that the differences may change with the latitude.



Paul Bryant

Accordingly, they collected data on the production of organic material from sunlight (called primary production) of the world's oceans and rivers and found that fresh water is more productive than the oceans in the tropics, but that the opposite is true at temperate and polar latitudes.

Therefore fish in tropical regions would have more food at their disposal in fresh water habitats than in the sea, while the opposite would be true in temperate regions. Allowing for the great range of latitude covered by some migratory fish – eels for example – the authors claim a close relationship in latitude between a particular fish's predominant migratory habit and the difference of the availability of food in fresh water and the sea.

The researchers themselves acknowledge that there are some complications. For example, they say that primary production may not be the best index of the food available to species high in the food chain.

They are also uncertain of the bearing on their conclusions of the great distances swum by species such as salmon on their way to ocean feeding grounds.

They accept that the presence of predators and competitors could influence the evolution of migratory behaviour. Like other studies relying on an observed correlation, this suffers from the problem of distinguishing cause and effect. And, of course, a third factor could be involved.

Coleman said this week that the evidence for the view he and his colleagues have put forward is suggestive, but not conclusive. He agreed that his case would be stronger if there were a species with different *populations* whose behaviour mirrors the pattern now described in comparisons between species, but there seems to be no such example.

But Coleman also raised the fascinating possibility that the patterns of migration shown by species such as salmon may be reflected on a smaller scale by fish migrating between fresh-water lakes and the streams flowing into them.

He and his colleagues hope that the research now published will encourage others to seek to understand the causes of fish migration.

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THE DUNDEE DÉBÂCLE

Ford of America's decision to cancel its planned £40 million technology plant in Dundee, is a sad and unnecessary loss for the city and the country. But the greatest loss, perhaps, will turn out to have been suffered by the trade union movement. Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, offered Ford a single-union deal which could have brought more than 1,500 jobs to an area suffering a 15 per cent unemployment rate. Yet he was thwarted by other trade unions.

The passage of the dispute is instructive. No sooner had the ink dried on Mr Laird's agreement last October than Mr Mick Murphy, automobile officer for the Transport and General Workers' Union, issued a warning to his brothers in the AEU. If the deal went ahead no component manufactured in the factory would be installed in Ford cars made in Britain. One union's power would be used to frustrate another's attempt to win jobs.

It should be made clear that the question was not about the union designation of 1,500 jobs, which were anyway available. The question was whether those jobs would be available at all. Ford had stipulated a single-union agreement – and that agreement was made by the engineers. This is what would have brought the jobs to Dundee – and it was something the TGWU would not countenance.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, who is under threat of suspension from the TUC for his union's association with News International during the Wapping dispute, described the loss of the Dundee plant as a tragic own goal. He believes that if the TUC does not stop "irresponsible moves" to block single-union deals, employers will simply join Ford of America and go elsewhere. He is probably right.

The division is essentially between the TUC's proponents of change and its fundamentalists. But in disputes like these, so long as the TUC leadership remains on the sidelines, the fundamentalists can always win. They have it in their power, as the TGWU has done in this case, to threaten spoiling tactics and so block agreement.

Unfortunately for the long-term well-being of itself and its members, the TGWU sees its short-term interest both in retaining traditional, sharply demarcated working practices, and in opposing single-union agreements. In the first place, the inflexibility of the TGWU means that it is unlikely to be selected as the single union by a prospective employer. In the second, the TGWU has comparatively few members in the high technology industries where many of the new jobs are now being created.

The TUC leadership in the person of Mr Willis knows full well that the issues raised by this great division must be resolved if trade unionism is to survive into the next century with any credibility at all. Even a Labour Government could not be relied upon to create the sort of jobs the majority of TGWU workers can do and tolerate their anachronistic ideas about industrial relations.

Trade unions have problems enough recruiting members in the high-technology industries; 1,500 potential engineering union members at Dundee could have represented a good haul for the TUC as a whole. Moreover, the opportunity may not return. If prospective employers cannot obtain a single-union deal, they may abandon the idea of co-operating with the trade unions altogether – and in the new climate they should find workers enough.

So far, the general secretaries have agreed only to overhaul the existing TUC rules governing inter-union disputes in favour of a new code of conduct designed to minimize union infighting. If the Dundee disaster – for that is what it is – encourages them to do something far more drastic, it may have served a salutary purpose. If it does not, the future for the trade union movement in Britain looks bleak indeed.

CROWDS OVERHEAD

The opening by her Majesty the Queen of a new terminal at Gatwick Airport yesterday is a welcome sign of the success and prosperity brought by the Thatcher years. But the briefest glance out of the tinted windows across the packed runway apron or up into the congested sky provides a reminder of how close to the margins – of safety, air-space, physical capacity and environmental tolerance – travellers are now being pushed.

To travel by air to foreign countries is a concomitant of the individual liberty we prize. Yet air transport depends not just on public agencies taking responsibility for ensuring safety and minimizing environmental intrusiveness. For each individual journey there needs to be a sense of the greater picture, of how demand for air travel is changing. There also needs to be capacity to plan for volume in the future. The spectre at yesterday's feast is the forecaster who has consistently understated the impact on Gatwick of air traffic growth.

The question is whether the BAA, as owners of three of the four London airports, the Civil Aviation Authority, as primary regulator of routes, and the various government departments interested in transport have a mechanism – let alone a planning capacity, to think about what happens at Gatwick when the new terminal becomes as full as its main lounges. It surely will.

Deliberation about London air traffic has been a perennial feature of British government since the Second World War. The Cabinet papers now available from the mid-1950s are full of debates about what has now become Gatwick. When the records of the Wilson and Heath governments of the 1960s and 1970s are opened, they too will doubtless show a preoccupation with the siting of the fourth airport. The reason for this attention is plain: the prospect of major development in the South-east fields mobilizes the Sussex and Buckinghamshire light infantry and their parliamentary allies – yet both would soon complain if their flights to Torremolinos or Toronto were delayed or diverted.

The political aspect of airport development is no less fraught today, and it would be reassuring to learn that Mrs Thatcher has at least a Cabinet committee in motion on the question of where the growth of air traffic into the 1990s will be accommodated. The BAA has become a sharp commercial operator, but it cannot be left to do the necessary planning.

Some might cite the management of the Channel Tunnel project as an argument for minimizing the involvement of central government. But there are good reasons why the Government cannot free itself from the management of air transport. The chief battles over siting and funding for the Tunnel have been won. With a new airport or even new runways, more is at stake in terms of land and amenities and time is short.

When dealing with forecast demand for air travel during the past 30 years virtually the only certainty has been that predictions of growth have been underestimates. Who is to gainsay the stark prediction that air travel from the four London air terminals will double by the turn of the century (exceeding by some 25 million passengers their putative annual capacity)? The Foulness episode is evidence that 12 years is not long to secure the consent necessary for major airport expansion in a region where, on present evidence, the pressures for development are tightening daily.

R.I.P.

The conclusion of the coroner's inquest into the death of Dr Gareth Bennett should mark the end of one of the most painful episodes in the Church of England's recent history, though not all the issues behind it will go away so quickly. Enormous distress was caused to thousands of ordinary church members by events they could not entirely comprehend but which appeared to threaten the foundations of the church they loved. Much satisfaction was extracted from the episode by those who hold the Church in contempt. The Church of England has emerged chastened and a little unsure about where it should be going.

From the poignant diary extracts read out by the Oxford coroner, it is clear that Dr Bennett envisaged none of this. A gentle and thoughtful historian and theologian had, by writing what he must have regarded as a learned introduction to an obscure directory, brought on himself pressures he could never have imagined, and they overwhelmed him.

The storm centred on one ill-judged phrase concerning the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, whom he accused of exerting weak leadership by placing popularity before principle. His mistake was to say this anonymously and with a hint of malice: had he made the same point straightforwardly in one of his measured contributions to the debates of the General Synod, it would have received no more attention than it was worth – as an interesting comment from a well-informed but mildly eccentric academic.

Because it appeared in the preface to *Crockford's*, however, it touched two very raw nerves. It stirred up those in the Church and the country who were anxious about specific issues like the ordination of women, which they believe would invalidate the Church of England's apostolic title deeds. It also stirred up those who are contemptuous of Dr Runcie's leadership, for reasons which appear to be as political as they are theological.

But the charges hit home chiefly because they were at least half true: Dr Runcie seems to have decided that the Church cannot be led except from a position at its dead centre – which necessarily excludes trying to take it in any particular direction. He has given the impression of a man who believes all contradictions can and must be reconcilable, all conflicts resolved, because every view has truth in it. This might be called the Canterbury Agreed Syllabus approach, in which tolerance is the supreme Christian virtue.

As a strategy for avoiding damaging and divisive controversy, it has been a failure. It provoked Dr Bennett's attack and the furore which followed. Paradoxically, that denouement frees Dr Runcie from any obligation to continue standing on the middle – supposedly neutral – ground in the name of church peace. There is no neutral ground. The Christian Gospel is not a dialectic between "on the one hand" and "on the other". It has tough things to say and judgements to make.

Dr Bennett appealed to the Church of England to be consistent with its own history, a plea it needs to ponder. The Church's relationship to secular English society has become unclear, and its sense of its own identity is too uncertain. It lacks, or has shed, much of what gave it a definite character: common worship, an agreed basis of doctrine, a central authority, a unified theology, faith in itself as the Church to which the creeds refer. Anglicanism needs definition.

In such circumstances it becomes exposed to moral, philosophical and political fashions which owe little or nothing to Christianity. Its best defence against such subversion by the transient spirit of the age is for it to be responsibly conservative, sceptical of trends, more cautious and slower to change than secular institutions. It should be more respectful of the wisdom in its own tradition, and less fearful of being called old-fashioned. This is what Dr Bennett believed, and the Church of England is in his debt because he said so.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UK's 'betrayal' of Tibetans

From Mr H. E. Richardson

Sir, Two letters published by you *on March 10 draw attention to the* requirement by the Foreign Office that the Dalai Lama, on his forthcoming visit to this country, should give an undertaking not to make political statements.

In the leader, "From a far country", in the same issue you, Sir, draw the inference that "the Foreign Office has sacrificed the principle of free speech for the sake of tranquil relations with *China*". *This is just one more* instance of the disgraceful treatment of Tibet by the British Government.

In August, 1947, when British obligations and rights under existing treaties with Tibet devolved upon the new Government of India, I was instructed, as representative at Lhasa of the British Government, to assure the Tibetan Government that *HM Government would continue to take a* friendly interest in the welfare and autonomy of their country.

On November 7, 1950, Mr Ernest Davies, speaking in Parliament for the Foreign Office, recalled that assurance and described Tibetan autonomy since 1911 as having amounted to *de facto* independence. But since the unprovoked invasion and violent seizure of Tibet by the Chinese communists no more has been heard of that friendly interest; and at the United Nations in October, 1959, the British Government did, indeed, betray Tibet by feigning ignorance of the facts.

Both the Congress of the USA and the West German Bundestag have condemned Chinese violations of the human rights of the Tibetan people; and the Foreign Office has presumably seen recent reports of Chinese security forces firing on Tibetan monks and laymen at Lhasa. But Sir Geoffrey Howe, when asked, after meeting the Chinese Ambassador, whether he had expressed any concern about Chinese actions towards native Tibetans, is reported to have said, "Not concern".

To adapt the words of the Prime Minister in another context: have they no memory? Have they no guts?

Yours etc,
HUGH RICHARDSON,
12 Dempster Court,
St Andrews, Fife.
March 12.

Ancient heritage

From Colonel J. C. A. Swynnerton

Sir, I sympathise with Lady Bowyer-Smith (March 10) and her traffic problem in Fordwich.

Burford is also a small picturesque town with a fine medieval church and an ancient historic and beautiful high street, as befits the gateway to the Cotswolds. Our high street is already jammed solid for much of the summer with some 15,000 vehicles a day crossing its narrow bridge.

So far our pleas for a bypass have also fallen on deaf ears, and we are threatened with a further 37 per cent increase in traffic if a very large development being proposed by Amey Roadstone for some of its worked-out gravel pits a few miles to the south is allowed to go ahead.

If our heritage is not to be destroyed for ever by excessive traffic, and our landscape is not to be desecrated still further by insensitive developers, we can only hope that our councils will face up to their responsibilities and refuse to be bullied by threats of costly appeals by wealthy companies.

Yours sincerely,
JEREMY SWYNNERTON,
Leaze House,
Barns Lane,
Burford, Oxfordshire.

Sharpeville six

From Lord Scarman

Sir, In your admirable leading article, "The case against execution" (March 16), I would change only one word. In the words "proof of criminal activity depends on evidence of the Act *or* of the intention to commit it", substitute "and" for "or".

This is of critical importance. The point of law is the true foundation of the case.

Yours etc,
SCARMAN,
House of Lords.

Mark of distinction

From Mr Gerald Leach

Sir, I am pleased that your correspondent Mr T. Edward Bevin (March 16), after almost 40 years' hesitation, has at last bought himself a bowler hat (or "Coke" as we used to call them). The salutations he received whilst wearing it were indeed flattering.

Yesterday, I noticed with sadness a man in Whitehall wearing a bowler hat who failed to doff it when passing the Cenotaph. Indeed, times have changed.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD LEACH,
Seagulls,
35 Beachfield Road,
Bembridge,
Isle of Wight.
March 16.

From Lieutenant Colonel Sir Peter Wilkinson

Sir, The courtesies received by Mr. T. Edward Bevin in his new bowler hat recall the military dogma that it is the *uniform* that is saluted and not its wearer.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PETER WILKINSON,
Mill House,
Charing, Kent.

Budget reforms and shortcomings

From Miss J. Tait

Sir, It is increasingly clear that the Chancellor's proposal to limit tax relief on one house or flat, *irrespective of the number of* single people buying together, has not been thought through.

Patently, there is going to be a big rush to buy between now and August when the new regime is due to start; after that date over 50 per cent of all London first-time home buyers – this is the proportion who currently team up to buy – will be priced out of the market because they will not be able to *find the extra £60 a month needed* to finance the average £50,000 mortgage.

Sellers are not going to ease the situation by cutting their prices, because they know that there is a shortage of supply of houses and flats in London and the South-east. Instead they will hang on, causing the market to stagnate.

This is not all. From August 1 those who have already bought *with the benefit of double tax* relief will be unable to move because they would then at once lose their benefit. Similarly they will be unable to get married because again they will lose the relief. This is precisely the opposite effect to that which the Chancellor intended.

All this could be avoided by jettisoning the proposed change or phasing it in gradually over four or five years.

Yours faithfully,
JANE TAIT (Director),
First Time Home Buyers' Advisory Service,
18 Seymour Place, W1.

From Mr A. Bilmes and Mr P. Carpenter

Sir, The Chancellor's decision to reduce very substantially the relief from income tax available to payers of maintenance appears, at first sight, to be aimed at the "wealthy", preventing them from obtaining tax relief on the cost of maintaining and educating the children of a former marriage.

Matrimonial disharmony knows no financial barriers. The effective abolition of relief will hit first the pocket of basic-rate taxpayers, some trying to build second families, and then, and *much more seriously, their children.*

Courts cannot order payments greater than can actually be made. Reduce the amount available and you inevitably reduce the amount paid. That will make the children worse off.

Was that the Chancellor's plan?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BILMES,
PAUL CARPENTER,
Bilmes Hawkins & Co.,
34 Brook Street, W1.

From Mr J. R. Simons

Sir, The obsession with securing equivalent taxation treatment of husbands and wives has distracted attention from other fiscal discrimination persisting between men and women.

If the aim is fiscal neutrality between men and women, which equity and conventional moral attitudes suggest it should be, then bereavement allowance should be extended to the widower as well as the widow. A man can very often these days be more helpless left without a woman than vice versa and he is certainly subject to the same additional interment etc costs.

Even greater are the arguments for equivalent pension treatment. What justification exists for enforcing a male to wait five years longer for his pension, a very significant age span in later life, than the female, particularly when he is likely on average to enjoy the resultant pension for a lesser period?

In a year of wholesale pension reform this is a matter which should have been addressed. That it has not so been seems to confirm the male has lesser powers of persuasion than the female in political/public matters as well as in other areas.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. SIMONS,
Vivary Gate,
27 Mount Street,
Taunton, Somerset.

From the Reverend J. Bebb

Sir, Mr Nigel Lawson claims that all will benefit from his Budget. Surely he is wrong. The chronic sick and poor, the unemployed, and those with only one pension cannot benefit when their income is below the tax threshold. On the contrary, they will be worse off.

The extra tax on petrol and derv will tend to increase bus fares and distribution costs, and thus increase the cost of basic necessities. If they drink or smoke (and why should they not? – they have few other consolations) they will pay more. Has the Chancellor no *regard for the poorest members of* our society? Does he even know that they exist?

This, to my mind, is the most serious fault in a Budget that contains some measures which deserve to be greatly welcomed.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BEBB,
2 Wandales Lane,
Natland, Nr Kendal,
Cumbria.

From Mr A. L. Curtis

Sir, The Chancellor in a statement to Radio 4 this morning (March 16) claimed that all taxpayers' marginal rates had been reduced.

I would point out that this does not apply to taxable incomes from £19,300 to £20,400, which is a band including many scientists, engineers, and industrial managers – the very people on whose efforts Britain's economic progress depends so much.

It is interesting that discussion of more recent budgets concentrates on the badly off and the rich, but rarely on this important group.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED L. CURTIS,
38 Highgate Edge,
Great North Road, N2.

Faults in tax system

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, A very long time ago I wrote you a letter (October 4, 1969) about the income tax inspectorate. It was, characteristically I am afraid, too long and I will not repeat it here. But writing from my own personal experience, both as a one-time Attorney General ultimately responsible for the administration of the revenue laws and as a taxpayer personally submitting his own returns, I elaborated the view that the fault lay with the system rather than the individual inspectors. That remains the case.

Parliament has allowed our revenue laws to become what the then head of the Law Commission once described as a legislative morass. This has forced many taxpayers to employ solicitors and accountants who engage in elaborate exercises designed quite properly to minimise their clients' liabilities.

This, on the other hand, has forced the tax inspector, with a grossly excessive case load, to be specially vigilant to distinguish between legitimate avoidance and improper evasions of which there is, and not surprisingly in view of the hitherto penal tax rates, far too much. In the result unnecessary battles occur and the tax inspector comes to be regarded as a public enemy and even as responsible for the penal rates.

This is quite wrong. The excessive case loads and the unbelievable volume and complexity of the law explain most of the problems discussed in your columns. The ordinary taxpayer will find that if he takes his inspector frankly into his confidence the inspector, albeit after some delay, will fully reciprocate by useful guidance and fair treatment.

The fault lies with the system, not the inspectors who administer it. And the present Chancellor, both by altering the law and reducing the rates, is moving towards its improvement.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.
March 17.

Polls apart

From Captain D. G. Roome, RN (retd)

Sir, Your third leader today (March 12) gives two reasons why there has been a threefold decline in the number of by-elections since the period between the wars but it omits another contributory factor: up to 1918, and to a lesser extent to 1926, an MP on being nominated as a minister, had to stand for re-election before taking office.

Yours faithfully,
D. G. ROOME,
East Hall,
Boughton Monchelsea,
Maidstone, Kent.

That figures . . .

From Mr C. R. Weatherley

Sir, For those with doubts about the security of combination locks on executive briefcases (letter, March 7) may I report an observation I made recently in Bombay. Whilst awaiting a flight I found myself sitting next to a man not dissimilar in dress and appearance to Gandhi. He had three pieces of luggage – two parcels wrapped in sacking and tied with string and an executive briefcase. As I pondered this disharmony with suspicion the gentleman produced a ball of string and tied up the briefcase.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER WEATHERLEY,
1 The Quadrant,
Wonford Road,
Exeter, Devon.

Sports injuries

From the Chairman of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Sir, Chartered physiotherapists would support Mr R. G. Pringle's analysis (March 9) of sports injuries and health insurance.

The vast majority of sports injuries presented to chartered physiotherapists are soft-tissue injuries that can be treated speedily.

Few people realise that members of the public can walk in off the street (or sports field) and receive treatment from a physiotherapist in private practice without going to an accident and emergency department of a hospital.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA A. PHILBROOK,
Chairman,
The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy,
14 Bedford Row, WC1.
March 11.

Unkindest cut

From Mr Oliver Robinson

Sir, As a footnote to the correspondence about multi-purpose devices my father's favourite invention comprised a gadget for removing gravy stains from gravel paths. My father was W. Heath Robinson.

Yours truly,
OLIVER ROBINSON,
92 Charlbert Court,
Eamont Street, NW8.
March 12.

Boat dwellers and poll tax

From Mrs E. M. Morrison

Sir, I live aboard my narrow boat – *my sole residence. I pay a fee for* a licence to British Waterways Board. In return I can use their waterways, and their sewage and rubbish-disposal facilities and water. Good value, as I travel from April to October each year.

I also pay £800 per annum to the proprietor of a boatyard for permanent moorings irrespective of whether I am moored or travelling. In this fee is an element to cover rates and water rate. I pay privately for sewage disposal.

The Department of the Environment, in letters to me, fails or refuses to realize that when the community charge is implemented many people like myself – including mobile home dwellers on private sites, and people in rented accommodation such as "bed-sits" – will be paying more than their fair share. Can you see landlords reducing rents to these people at that time?

I personally feel I will be paying three times over and that I scarcely use local facilities anyway. Were my boat just a luxury for sporting use I would not complain. But it is my home.

To date I have had no satisfactory reply from the department saying that they can see a problem *and will consider some form of* rebate. I feel mayhem may result.

From next week, therefore, the "boating granny" will be under way on a campaigning cruise on the inland waterways. I shall canvass every boatyard moorings and mobile home site I pass. I shall contact local TV and radio stations. I shall fly banners from the boat and make known these facts to all.

Yours sincerely,
EILEEN MORRISON,
Narrowboat Artemis,
Lime Lane,
Walsall, West Midlands.
March 15.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 19 1883

An attack on a daughter of the Marquis of Queensberry was thought to have been provoked by her outspoken letters to The Times *against the Irish Land League*

ATTACK ON LADY FLORENCE DIXIE.

Lady Florence Dixie sends us the following account of an attack made upon her on Saturday afternoon:-

"The particulars are short, and I can write little, because my hands are cut and painful. I was out walking near the Fishery last evening, about 4.30, when two very tall women came up and asked me the time. I replied that I had not got my watch with me, and turning, left them. Opening a small gate which led into the private grounds of Captain Brocklehurst, of the Blues, I made towards a stile, and was just going to get over, when I heard the gate open behind, and the two women followed me in. Somehow or other, I felt all was not right, so I stopped and leant against the rails, and then, as they came on, went to meet them. One on the right came rapidly forward and seized me by the neck, when by the strength of the clutch I felt it was no woman's power that pulled me down to the ground. In another second I saw the other would-be woman over me, and remember seeing the steel of the knife come straight down upon me, driven by this person's hand. It struck through my clothes and against the whalebone of my stays, which turned the point, merely grazing the skin. The knife was quickly withdrawn and plunged at me again. I seized it with both hands, and shouted as loud as I could, when the person who first pulled me down pushed a large handful of earth into my mouth and nearly choked me. Just as the knife was wrenched from my hands a very big and powerful St. Bernard dog I had with me broke through the wood, and the last thing I remember was seeing the person with the knife pulled backwards by him. Then I heard a confused sound of rumbling of wheels, and I remember no more. When I came to myself I was quite alone. . . This is a wretched scrawl, but my hands are very much cut, and it pains me much to write."

Unhappily, there is as yet no clue to the perpetrators of this cowardly attack. . .

The indictment against Irish agitators is sufficiently heavy already to enable the most hostile critic to give them the benefit of any reasonable doubt. One would even be glad to find that there is some limit to the wickedness of an assassination circle, and that men who think no treachery too dark to be directed against men can yet abstain from attacking women. At the same time, we fear that the theory unconsciously and automatically formed in men's minds to account for this outrage will, in the vast majority of cases, assign to it an Irish origin. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 18: Mrs Juliet Campbell (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Luxembourg) and Professor Campbell had the *honour of being received by* The Queen.

Mr J K E Broadley was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Holy See.

Mrs Broadley had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr N H R A Broomfield was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at East Berlin.

Mrs Broomfield had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the new Rail/Air Link at Victoria Station.

Having been received by the Chairman, British Railways Board (Sir Robert Reid), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently travelled by train to Gatwick Airport and were received by Sir Peter Mursell (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex) and the Chairman, British Airports Authority (Sir Norman Payne).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness travelled by shuttle to the North Terminal where Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Kenneth Scott, Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, and Captain James Fraser were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning chaired a meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President of the Shire Horse Society, this evening attended the Society's Annual Dinner at the East of England Showground, Peterborough.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Captain James Fraser, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr Michael Bevan).

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning attended the Nursing Aid Appeal reception at Stationers Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon "cut the turf" for the start of the new building for Basic Medical Science at Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London E1, and was received by the Principal of the College (Mr P Holwell).

Mrs Richard Carew-Pole was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig (Air Aide-de-Camp) at the Memorial Service for Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle (formerly Governor of Western Australia and Air Aide-de-Camp) which was held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2, this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Air Vice-Marshal Sir Richard Peirse.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 18: The Prince of Wales was represented by Air Vice-Marshal John Severne at the Memorial Service for Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle which was held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2, this morning.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 18: The Duke of Kent today visited the Headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels, Belgium.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen' Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Institution, this evening attended the Evening Discourse at 21 Albemarle Street, London W1.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent today opened the new South Yorkshire Fire Service Command Headquarters and later opened the Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Department at Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. This evening, as President, Her Royal Highness attended a performance of "Rigoletto" at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy at the Memorial Service for Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle which was held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2, this morning.

The first of a series of appeal gaudies was held at Trinity College, Oxford, last night to mark the launch of the Trinity College Development Appeal. The speakers were the president, Sir John Burgh, and the chairman of the appeal, Mr A.B. Cleaver, Chief Executive of IBM United Kingdom Limited. Old members who have not received an invitation to a gaudy are requested to write to the appeal director for details.

Mark Silversides

A little time in the wilderness

In Lent the Church Calendar directs us again to the gospel narrative of Christ's temptations in the wilderness. Surprisingly, there seem to be only two sermons concerning the temptation story, although presented in a variety of styles.

The first standard sermon can be summarized like this: Christ resisted temptation. You, as a Christian, are a follower of Christ, therefore you must resist temptation.

There is, of course, some value in such exhortation. Yet, when overstressed, it can lead to a Pelagian outlook in which everything depends on human effort and nothing on God's grace. Its greatest flaw, however, is that most Christians already know that they should resist temptation and lead better lives. Indeed, those who have been struggling with some personal guilt for years will have heard this sermon many times in one guise or another. It may even discourage them.

The second standard sermon on this theme is more attuned to the age of the psychotherapist. It runs like this: Jesus, at his baptism, had been given a wonderful reassurance of his Sonship and of his value – God was well pleased with him. The nub of the temptation was to doubt that fact, therefore we must always believe in our own sonship and in our own intrinsic worth.

Again, there is some value in this idea. Yet it can easily lead to introspection, a search for an inner something which is always just outside one's grasp. Like the first standard sermon, its real effect may be *discouragement, this time to the* chronically insecure, who don't really need telling they should have more faith in God.

The main problem with these standard expositions, as with the commentaries on the passage, is that they do not sufficiently differentiate between the various temptations. They generally treat them as a threefold repetition of the same material, which they are not. A second problem is that they ignore the context, either historical or literary, of the narrative. That context is the beginning of Christ's public ministry, with its attendant dangers and its familiar termination.

The missing insight, I believe, is that the temptation story reveals to us the structure of evil.

First, Christ is tempted to turn stones into bread. In the standard sermons this implies a refusal of the tough road of discipleship or else a doubting of God's love for us. In essence Christ was tempted to prove his Messiahship to himself by a crude sign.

As regards his ministry, had he succumbed to this temptation, it would have been easy to become a magical provider of bread, gaining an instantaneous following. Among all the other dimensions to this temptation, there was the temptation to paternalism.

The second temptation is to obtain authority over all the kingdoms of the world. The traditional sermons see this (and indeed the third temptation) in much the same way as the first.

As regards Christ's ministry, however, it is in fact the exact opposite. This is a temptation not to paternalism but to the exercise of naked power. In a sense it is more realistic as a temptation, since feeding the hungry has never been fully nor easily achieved, whereas trampling them underfoot is commonplace.

The third temptation is more complex. "Throw yourself off the pinnacle of the temple – if you are God's Son, he will surely take care of you." Such a conjuring trick would have brought immediate popular acclamation, an instant crowd of followers clamouring for the cheap privilege of witnessing the extraordinary. It is a short step from popularity to populism, the claim to be the real "man of the people", a step which would have been almost impossible to avoid amongst a subservient populace.

These temptations are, therefore, rooted in human nature. This is what I mean by the structure of evil. The link between the twentieth century and the first is that very same humanity, and the temptations to leaders are the same, namely, to exercise authority and retain status through paternalism, power or populism.

Politicians still fall back on these three methods. *The political left claims it* can give bread, and other good things. The right is inclined to forge ahead towards its goals regardless of protest. The centre promises "real democracy" in which all the people can be properly involved.

To put the matter another way – the dominant and the democratic instincts, which are present in all of us and are archetypal aspects of our nature. That is *why the Temptation narrative points out* to us what I have called a structure of evil.

Human beings are surely at peace when the three instincts I have mentioned are held in a constructive tension, and each duly expressed in life. Evil arises, both in the individual and in society, when one is exaggerated at the expense of the other two. This can afford us a sense of release from the tension, but is ultimately destructive.

The temptation to leaders, as it was to Christ, is to encourage such a process to happen in order to gain a following. The last General Election campaign was, more than anything, a parading of appropriate archetypal images latching on to the dependent, dominant and democratic feelings. Neither is the Church and its leadership entirely blameless in these matters.

A politician is the wilderness is normally one who as fallen out with the party system. Might it not be useful, however, for our national – and, dare I say, Church – leaders to spend just a little time contemplating the wilderness, lest they too enter into temptation?

The Rev Mark Silversides is a trainer and editor with the Church Pastoral Aid Society.



Lord and Lady Tryon, Mrs Bruce Matthews, and Dr Tim Crow, of Northwick Park Hospital at a reception at Australia House for the charity Sane, Schizophrenia: A National Emergency, set up after a series of articles in *The Times* (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr D.R.Y. Bluck, chairman, British Tourist Authority, 61; Lady Georgina Coleridge, 72; Professor Ronald Girdwood, clinical pathologist, 71; the Right Rev A.R.N. Gordon, 61; Sir David Lumsden, principal, Royal Academy of Music, 60; Mr Patrick McGoohan, actor, 60; Dame Elizabeth Maconchy, composer, 81; Sir Peter Masefield, aviation expert, 74; Mr Philip Mason, writer, 82; the Earl of Morton, 61; Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Reay, 63; Sir Kenneth Robinson, former chairman, Arts Council of Great Britain, 77; Mr Philip Roth, author, 55; Mr Michael Rothenstein, painter and print-maker, 80; Sir Leonard Scopes, diplomat, 76.

TOMORROW: The Very Rev William Baddeley, 74; Mr Anthony Blond, publisher, 60; Sir Arnold Burgen, master, Darwin College, Cambridge, 66; Sir Arthur Driver, former president, Law Society, 88; Dame Vera Lynn, singer, 71; Mr A.M. M'Bow, director-general, Unesco, 67; Sir Alec Merrison, former vice-chancellor, Bristol University, 64; Sir David Montgomery, chairman, Forestry Commission, 57; Mr Brian Mulroney, Canadian Prime Minister, 49; Dr John Rae, former headmaster, Westminster School, 57; Mr Justice Saville, 52.

Harrow School

Spring Term at Harrow School ends today. The Cock House Match was won by Druries (Sir Alan Outram) who beat Bradbys (Mr A.W.D. Sankey). The Torpid Final was won by Bradbys who beat the Head Master's (Mr J.D.C. Vargas). The school choral society performed Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* and Britten's *Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings* in the speech room on Thursday, March 17. Old Harrovians who entered the school between 1942 and 1947 were entertained at tea yesterday afternoon by the Chairman and Committee of the Harrow Association, then attended a concert of songs in the speech room and a reception given by the Head Master and Mrs Beer. Next term begins on Monday, April 18.

Luncheon

Newspaper Press Fund

Mr Endell J. Laird, Editor of *The Sunday Mail* and Chairman of the Glasgow and West of Scotland District of the Newspaper Press Fund, accompanied by Mrs Laird, was host at the annual luncheon held yesterday at the Holiday Inn, Glasgow. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Cameron, Lord Advocate, were the guest speakers. The guests included:

The Archbishop of Glasgow, Sir Edward Pickering (Executive Vice-Chairman of Times Newspapers and President of the Newspaper Press Fund) with Mr Charles Wilson (Editor of *The Times*) and vice-president, NPF), Mr Ernie Walker (Secretary of the Scottish Football Association and vice-president, NPF) and Mrs Walker, Mr Ian Nimmo (vice-president, NPF), Mr Brian Ager (chairman, NPF), Mr Michael Grade (Chief Executive of Channel 4 and appeals chairman, NPF), Mr Peter Evans (director and secretary, NPF) and Mrs Evans; Mr Alex Frutlin (honorary president, NPF for Glasgow and West of Scotland) and Mrs Frutlin, Mr Arnold Kemp (Editor of *The Glasgow Herald* and Chairman-elect of the Glasgow and West of Scotland district, NPF); the Lord and Lady Provost of Glasgow, the Chief Constable of Strathclyde, the Regional Procurator Fiscal of Glasgow and Strathkelvin, Sheriff J J Maguire, the Convener of Strathclyde Regional Council, the Chief Executive of Strathclyde Regional Council, the Minister of Glasgow Cathedral, Miss Christine Davey (public relations manager, Holiday Inn) and Mr Geoffrey Parkhouse (political editor, *The Glasgow Herald*).

Memorial service

Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle

The Queen was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig and the Duke of Edinburgh by Air Vice-Marshal Sir Richard Peirse at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle held at St Clement Dane's, Strand, yesterday. The Prince of Wales was represented by Air Vice-Marshal J. de M. Severne, the Princess Royal by Lieutenant-Colonel P. Gibbs and the Duke of Kent by Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy. The Rev Michael Stokes officiated, assisted by the Right Rev F.W. Cocks. Air Commodore Richard Kyle, son, read the lesson and Lieutenant-Commander Tim Kyle, RNR, son, read *High Flight* by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee. Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Kyle (widow), Mr and Mrs Jeremy Mountford (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Richard Kyle and Mrs Tim Kyle (daughters-in-law), Miss Pippa Cheshire and Mr Christopher Cheshire (grandchildren); Viscount Caldecote, Mrs F W Cocks, Lord Shackleton, Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermis and Lady Spotswood, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans (Order of the Bath) and Lady Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight (UK Military Representative to NATO), Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage (Commandant, Royal College of Defence Studies), Air Chief Marshal Sir David Harcourt Smith (Controller Aircraft, Ministry of Defence), Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Barnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine, Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth and Lady Cross, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony and Lady Heward, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Rosier, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Smallwood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones (Air Member for Personnel) and Lady Jones, Air Marshal Sir Douglas Jackson (representing AOC-in-C Strike Command), Air Marshal Sir Roy and Lady Austen-Smith, Air Marshal Sir Harry Burton, Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton, Air Marshal Sir Patrick and Lady Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Maurice and Lady Heath, Air Marshal Sir Paul and Lady Holder, Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard and Lady Chacksfield, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Ralph Jackson, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edgard Lowe, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Laurence Sinclair, Lady Petrie, Lady Boyle, Lady Craig, Lady Kennedy, Lady Morton, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir Victor and Lady Garland, Sir George Edwards, OM, Lady Coles, Lady Curtiss, Lady Boxer.

Mr David Evans (representing the Australian High Commissioner), the Agent General for Western Australia (representing the government of Western Australia), Rear-Admiral B. Brown (representing First Sea Lord), Air Vice-Marshal M J Pilsing-ton (director general of training, RAF), Air Vice-Marshal C T Thornton (AOC No 1 Group), Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs A D Button, Air Vice-Marshal P M S Hedgeland, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs H A V Hogan, Air Vice-Marshal M D Lyne (Old Cranwellian's Association) and Mrs Lyne, Air Vice-Marshal R A Ramsey-Rae, Air Vice-Marshal I J Spencer (No 2 Group Association), Air Vice-Marshal S R Lloyd, Canon and Mrs J H Wilson, Air Commodore M J Milligan (representing the Commandant RAF College, Cranwell), Wing Commander P B Lucas Squadron Leader G C Ballard (Royal Australian Air Force), Mr D James (Fairbridge Drake Society) and Mr K G Dunn (No 139 (Jamaica) Squadron Association) and Mrs Dunn.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M.N.P. Cornell and Miss A.L. Sargeantson
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Dr and Mrs S.P. Cornell, of Higham, Kent, and Anna, only daughter of the late Mr Roderick Sargeantson, and of Mrs Rosemary Sargeantson, of Stanton St John, Oxford.

Mr N.M. de Smith and Miss E.J. Lamplugh
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of the late Professor Stanley de Smith and Joan de Smith, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Minnie, fifth daughter of Mr and Mrs A.B.H. Lamplugh, of Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Mr I. Devlin and Miss G.M. Ward
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs J. Devlin, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Ward, of Barnbugh, Yorkshire.

Mr J.C.R. Gray and Mlle A-M. de Dax d'Axat
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of the late Very Rev John R. Gray and of Mrs Gray, of Dunblane, and Anne-Marie, only daughter of the Marquis and Marquise de Dax d'Axat, of Paris.

Mr W. Jokel and Miss S.J. Pollock
The engagement is announced between Walter, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Leo Jokel, and Jill, only daughter of the late Mr Jack Pollock and of Mrs Susan Pollock, of Woolton, Liverpool.

Mr H.D. Haydn Williams and Miss V.J. Farrer
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Dr and Mrs J.H. Williams, of Leek Wooton, Warwickshire, and Julie, daughter of Judge and Mrs B.A. Farrer, of Aldridge, West Midlands.

Dr C.T. Harding and Miss S.L. Hopkins
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Harding, of Bovington, Hertfordshire, and Sara, only daughter of Squadron Leader B. Hopkins, RAF, (retd), and Mrs Hopkins, of Doha, Qatar.

Mr A.G. Miskin and Miss C.S.A. Foster
The engagement is announced between Alick, son of the late Dr G.W. Miskin and of Mrs Miskin, of Hove, Sussex, and Sara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Foster, of Dulwich, London.

Mr R.J. Spencer and Miss C.A. Herbert
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Spencer, of Lectoure, France, and Katy, daughter of Mr Richard Herbert, of Syleham, Norfolk, and Mrs Rodney Douglas-Pennant, of Aston Tirrold, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

Mr A.J. Cowing and Miss H.G. Perryman
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 12, 1988, at St James' Church, Gatley, between Mr Andrew John Cowing, son of Mr and Mrs P.B. Cowing, of Southrepps, Norfolk, and Miss Helen Gaye Perryman, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.S. Perryman, of Gatley, Cheshire.

A reception was held at The Stanneylands Hotel, Wilmslow.

Mr C.H.E. Imray and Miss S. Yarwood Brown
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 12, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene and St Lawrence, Davington, between Mr Christopher Imray, FRCS (Sd), and Miss Silvia Yarwood Brown. The Rev T.W. King officiated.

Dr R.W. Janse van Rensburg and Miss A.B. Ker
The marriage took place in Cambridge on Thursday, March 3, 1988, between Dr Richard Wilhelm van Rensburg, son of the late Mr Petrus Janse van Rensburg and Mrs Charmaine McIntyre, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Miss Alison Beverley Ker, daughter of Dr and Mrs William A. Ker, of Stafford.

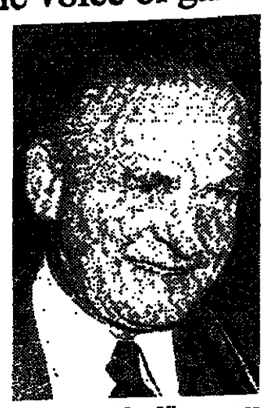
Commander W.D.S. Kay-Smith, RN and Mrs P.R. Faulks
The marriage took place quietly in London on March 16, between Commander Bill Kay-Smith, RN, and Mrs Joanna Faulks, widow of Peter Richard Faulks.

OBITUARY

PERCY THROWER

The voice of gardening

Percy Thrower, MBE, who died yesterday, at the age of 75, did more than perhaps anyone else to popularize gardening.



He was a highly qualified horticulturalist who followed in his father's footsteps in becoming a gardener. His father was head gardener on a large Buckinghamshire estate, and it was his son's ambition to reach a similarly exalted position.

Percy John Thrower was born on January 30, 1913, and educated at the Church of England School, Little Horwood. At the age of 14 he was working for his father at Horwood House, and his four years there gave him an excellent grounding for the seasons ahead.

At the age of 18 he was offered a job as an improver at the Royal Gardens at Windsor under the then head gardener, C. H. Cook. It was there that he met his wife-to-be, Connie, the head gardener's daughter. He eventually came to be in charge of the flower decoration of the Royal Enclosure at Ascot.

Four years later, Thrower left the Royal Gardens to move to his first position in amenity horticulture when he took a post with the City of Leeds Parks Department as a journeyman-gardener. Common practice for budding trainee gardeners was to move from place to place to build up experience; and, after two years with Leeds, he moved again, this time to Derby Parks Department.

Some weeks after the outbreak of war, he married Connie in Sandringham Church. He continued with the Derby Parks Department, but growing vegetables as part of the Dig for Victory war effort.

Then, in 1946, Thrower was appointed Parks Superintendent at Shrewsbury, and his name became synonymous with the town's fine gardening tradition. He was responsible for bringing back the Shrewsbury Flower Show, one of the country's premier shows, which had been a casualty of the war. In later years he himself repeatedly took the honours at the show, particularly for his fuschias, which were an abiding passion.

He remained at Shrewsbury until his retirement in 1974. He continued to live just outside the town, at his home, The Magnolias, whose splendid gardens he cultivated from scratch after moving there in 1963.

It was a windy, hillside plot, sloping to the south, so he planted trees, shrubs and hedges in strategic positions to act as windbreaks. At the same time he chose permanent plants to cut down on the work: shrubs, roses, rock and water plants.

His pride and joy were his lawns; and, in contrast to most gardeners, mowing them was a favourite form of relaxation. He was also a great believer in machines and gadgets.

His broadcasting career spanned many years. He regularly presented the BBC's *Gardeners' World*, until the Corporation decided not to renew his contract after he appeared in a television commercial, in 1976.

He had a natural flair for the electronic media and a gift for putting over very simply (but never condescendingly) any gardening subject. His quiet, friendly voice with his countryman's accent – a voice which he himself described as a "mongrel accent" – together with his easy manner, will long be remembered.

He tended to work without a script. "If you know your subject," he explained, "the plant tells you what it wants you to say."

He was also a regular contributor to *Amateur Gardening* and to the *Daily Mail*. His many books include *In the Flower Garden with Percy Thrower*, *In Your Garden Week by Week* and *Colour in Your Garden*. His autobiography, *My Lifetime of Gardening*, was published in 1977.

He was made an associate of honour by the Royal Horticultural Society in 1963; and in 1974 he received the RHS's top accolade, the Victoria Medal of Honour.

He was well known and respected on the show judging circuit. His eye for display and colour never let him down.

He is survived by his wife and their three daughters.

PROFESSOR E. P. WOHLFARTH

Professor Erich Peter Wohlfarth, who died on March 16, at the age of 63, devoted much of his life to the study of magnetism and magnetic materials. The recent resurgence of research activity in applied magnetism in this country – of great practical importance in the manufacture of recording tape, for instance – is largely due to his influence and example.

Peter Wohlfarth was born in Germany on December 7, 1924, and received his early education in Breslau. He fled to England with his family in 1939, attended Bingley Grammar School and rapidly became a true Yorkshireman, developing a lasting interest in cricket and choral music.

After graduating in physics at Leeds University in 1946 he stayed there for his PhD research work with E.C.Stoner. In 1949 he moved to London as a lecturer in mathematics at Imperial College, and since 1964 had been Professor of Theoretical Magnetism there.

From the beginning Peter Wohlfarth's research dealt with two distinct aspects of magnetism. One of these is concerned with basic questions about the origin of magnetism in metals such as iron and the variation of magnetic properties with temperature.

The other aspect deals with the behaviour of systems of fine magnetic particles. A magnetic recording tape is just such a system and in the past few years Professor Wohlfarth collaborated intensely with Roy Chantrell of Lancashire Polytechnic in important new theoretical work with applications for magnetic recording media.

His reputation was international. He worked continually for improved cooperation between research groups throughout Europe and was largely responsible for setting up a new conference series, European Magnetic Materials for Applications (EMMA).

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers in the United States elected him to a Fellowship in 1982 and awarded him the IEEE Centennial Medal for extraordinary achievement in 1984. Less than two weeks before his death, when already very ill, he travelled to Vienna to receive an honorary doctorate.

Peter Wohlfarth had a natural sympathy for those, particularly scientists, suffering from political repression or persecution. He helped several Czech refugees to establish themselves in this country in 1968 and made full use of his scientific contacts in the USSR to help those in trouble with the authorities there. He was co-chairman of the Scientists for the Release of Soviet Refuseniks and derived great pleasure from successes achieved in gaining releases.

He stood several times as a *Labour candidate in local* elections.

He is survived by his wife Rudolfina and a daughter.

MR FREDERICK STARKE

Mr Frederick Starke, an outstanding promoter of fashion exports after the war – he devised London Fashion Week – died on March 17. He was 84.

During the "swinging 'sixties", when the world turned its eyes on Britain as the centre of style, Starke staged a spectacular fashion show aboard the *Queen Elizabeth in New York Harbour*. It launched an important British fashion export drive in the United States.

Fashion was in his blood. His grandfather established the firm of A. Starke & Co in Great Portland Street early in the century, one of the first fashion manufacturers to operate in the area north of Oxford Street that was to become London's "rag trade" centre. The business was continued by Starke's mother.

He himself was a relatively late starter in the trade, some three years after he left University College, where he had read commerce and modern languages. When his mother retired, he set up a company under his own name – the first wholesaler to use his name as the brand one.

He managed to keep the firm together while he was on war service in the RAF, and in 1945 he became the first manufacturer to show a wholesale collection in the way normally associated only with couture, with set presentations to buyers and using top models. It was an innovation that soon developed into a major event in the world of fashion manufacture and selling.

Starke was the inspiration of *the London Model House* Group, formed in 1947, and an important step forward in bringing together the high-quality ready-to-wear manufacturers.

The expansion to which this integration led in the late 1950s suggested to Starke and his opposite numbers in this area of the fashion industry that they should next be concentrating on exports, and show the world that it was not only the top couturiers who had something special to offer.

In 1958, thirty-two manufacturers set up the Fashion House Group of London, and when Starke became chairman of the group he was responsible for a range of sales efforts of which the New York Harbour show was the most spectacular.

The group was disbanded in 1966 – perhaps it was too much to expect an industry like fashion to demonstrate the kind of unity that Starke would have liked. But his achievements had already been impressive.

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

MR KENNETH FORECAST

Mr Kenneth (Ken) Forecast, CB, who retired from the Government's statistical service in the autumn of 1985 after forty years as a practising statistician, died on March 15, at the age of 62.

Until recently, he was an assistant director in the Central Statistical Office covering government statistical service policy, statistician group management, social statistics, and central statistical office computing.

In his last six months of service he had been a statistical consultant on a special assignment with the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel.

Kenneth George Forecast was born on August 21, 1925. He was educated at the William Morris School, Walthamstow, and at the South-West Essex Technical College, where he graduated in economics. His early career was spent in the Ministry of Aircraft Production and with a firm of London stockbrokers, de Zoete & Gorton, at the Stock Exchange.

From 1951 to 1958 he worked in the Central Statistics Office in Dublin – a country which forever after remained dear to his heart and with which he maintained close links. He then returned to Britain to join the Government Statistical Service as a statistician in the Board of Trade.

In 1966, he was promoted to Chief Statistician in the Ministry of Transport, and four years later he became the Director of Statistics in the Department of Education and Science, transferring to the Central Statistical Office in 1979.

It was his persistence that led during his time in the Central Statistical Office to the Government's White Paper on the Statistical Services Code of Practice, published in 1984.

Ken Forecast was well known for his unflustered approach to his work. As a man with a developed sense of humour and a ready wit, the aptness of his name "K. G. Forecast" to someone of his profession had always been a source of gentle amusement to him.

His CB, which was awarded to him in the 1985 Birthday Honours List, was a fitting end to an honourable career in the Civil Service.

He was a lifelong bachelor.

OLIVE CAREY

Olive Carey, the film actress and member of a famous Hollywood family, has died at the age of 92.

She went to California from New York in 1914 and was a member of the D. W. Griffith company, along with Mary Pickford and the Gish sisters. She was the widow of Harry Carey, one of the early Western stars who died in 1947. Their son, Harry Carey, jun., who was born in 1921, followed them into films.

The Carey family was associated particularly with the work of the director John Ford. Among Ford films in which Olive Carey appeared were *The Searchers*, *The Wings of Eagles* and *Two Rode Together*.

Her many other credits, in a career that spanned more than fifty years, included *Naughty Marietta*, *Monkey Business*, *The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* and *The Alamo*.

Mustafa Arafat, who has died in Cairo, at the age of 62, was a brother of Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He had been a member of Fatah, the largest of eight factions that make up the PLO, and also manager of the Palestine Automobile Club, in Cairo.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
Colossians 3:17

BIRTHS

BATT - On March 15th, to Kate (née Hickey) and Charles, a daughter, Rosemary Louise.

BELL - On March 17th, to Madeleine and Geoffrey, a daughter, Sabrina Anouck Véronique.

COWAN - On March 4th, to Karen and Paul, a daughter Molly, a sister for Lara Nina and Johnny.

EASTON - On March 15th, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington to Margaret and Robin, a son, James Patrick.

JONES - On March 9th, 1988, to Emma (née Rogers) and Peter, a son, Charles Patrick Warburton.

ORMEROD - On March 14th, to Giles and Teresa, a son Eden Francis Charles.

SAUNDERS - On March 11th 1988, to Katherine (née Wallace) and Phillip, a son, Frederick Charles Nevill.

SHORT - On March 16th, 1988, at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Juliet (née James) and Andrew, a son, James William, a brother for Sophie.

SPENCER - On March 13th, at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to Joanna (née Frazer) and Robin, a son, Edward Percival FitzGerald, a brother for Lucy and William.

SUTHERLAND - On March 15th 1988, to Julia and Iain, a daughter, Anna Elisabeth, a sister for Fiona Victoria.

TRACEY - On March 11th 1988, to Bernadette (Née Wells) and David, a son Benjamin David, at York District Hospital. A brother for Charlotte and grandson for Norah and Bernard Wells and Kathleen and William Tracey.

DEATHS

BRYCE-SMITH - On March 17th. Helen (née Derry) beloved wife of Michael, dearly loved mother of Fenella and Julia and sister of Hugh. Memorial Service at St. Mary's Church, Bruton at 12 noon on March 22nd. No flowers, but donations if desired to: The R.N.L.I., c/o. D. S. Clarke, Bruton.

CAREW HUNT - On March 14th 1988, peacefully in her sleep Dorothea Agnes. Medical Doctor in her 90th year, loved aunt of Anthony and cousin of Penelope Carew Hunt, much respected friend of many patients in Brighton and Hove. Cremation at Downs Crematorium, Brighton on March 23rd at 2pm. Family flowers only.

COOK - On March 13th, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Pamela and David, a daughter, Harriet Louise.

COSSINS - On March 13th 1988, suddenly at Treliske Hospital, Cornwall, Kay A, in her 77th year. Requiem at The Church of Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran, Truro, on Tuesday March 22nd, at 2.45 pm, followed by cremation. The interment of cremated remains will take place at st Gerrans Churchyard later.

FULLER - On March 13th 1988, very suddenly at home, Gillian Rebecca, beloved wife of Andrew and loving mother of Anna, David and Amanda. Sadly missed by all the family and friends. Funeral Service at St Michael's, North Chapel on Monday, March 21st at 2pm, followed by a private cremation. Flowers most welcome, to W. Bryder & Sons, Tillington, Petworth, West Sussex.

HERMAN - On March 16th 1988, peacefully at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, 'Petty' beloved wife of the late 'Tiny' Herman, of Karachi and Weybridge and mother of Colin and Ben. Service at Kingston Crematorium, at 1.30 pm on Tuesday March 22nd. Family flowers only, donations to St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey.

HILLIER - On March 17th, peacefully at Sudbury, Suffolk, Harold Drummond in his 96th year. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at Sudbury Catholic Church on March 23rd at 2.15pm. Family flowers to Brown Ferm & Parker, Sudbury. Donations, if desired, to The Association for the Blind.

HEWETSON - On March 14th, 1988, peacefully in Hospital in Barnstaple, I. H. Hewetson, FRCS (Hewie), aged 78, of Weare, Giffard, Bideford, Devon, Beloved husband of the late Patsy, father of Christopher, Patrick and Michael and grandfather to his 9 grandchildren. Cremation private. Memorial service at St Mary's Church Bideford, on Monday April 18th, at 3.00pm. No flowers please, but if wished, donations to Bideford and District Association for the Handicapped, c/o Trapnell and Sherborne, 69 High Street, Bideford, Devon.

LAING - On March 18th, peacefully at home, Zara Marcella, widow of Lieutenant Colonel W.O. Laing DSO and daughter of Colonel H.E. Pennethorne, sometime of Hampstead, Isle of Wight, Loved and loving mother of Peter and Jacqueline and grandmother of Arabella and Venetia. Funeral at Tunworth Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd March.

LAMPE - On March 15th, Elizabeth, peacefully at home after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Rev Professor Geoffrey Lampe and mother of Nicolas and Celia. Private committal followed by a communion service of memorial at Little St. Mary's church, Trumpington Cambridge at 12 noon Wednesday 23rd March. No flowers. Donations please to Christian Aid (for South Africa), PO Box 100, London SE1.

LIAS - On March 14th 1988, peacefully at home, Dorothy Mary Elizabeth, aged 81 years, beloved mother of David Worthington Brown. Cremation Golders Green. 3.40pm Wednesday 23rd March. Enquiries to R P Sherry Ltd, 01 723 0428.

LILLIA - On March 18th, peacefully at home, Catherine (née Graham), in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Vincent Lillia, loving mother of Sheila, and devoted grandmother of Angus, James and Anna. Funeral service at St. Michaels Church, Frotheriey on Tuesday March 22nd, at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if required to Age Concern.

LLEWELLYN - On March 14th 1988, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, after a short illness, Hugh Pugh Mansel, aged 81 years, husband of June, father of Malcolm and Lynette and grandfather to recently arrived baby David. Cremation at East Hampstead Park Crematorium, Nr Wokingham, Monday 21st at 2.30 pm. Donations, if wished, in his memory, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 26 Victoria Rd, Surbiton, Surrey.

MacARTHUR - On March 15th, in Hospital Duncan (Mac) aged 78 years of Lulworth Grove, Knowles Lane, Bradford 4. Beloved husband of the late Veronica Evelyn Mary MacArthur. A dearly loved father and father-in-law, a loving grandad, brother and uncle. Requiem Mass on Monday, March 21st 10.00am at St. Columbas Church, Tong Street, Bradford 4. Interment at Bowling Cemetery. Please meet at the Church. Family flowers only & donations sent to the Islay & Jura Swimming Pool Fund, c/o the Bank of Scotland, Bowmore, Islay, Argyllshire, Scotland. Refreshments will be served at the Victoria hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford 1 after the Funeral. Friends are invited to attend.

McGREGOR - On March 15th 1988, Maj. Michael J McGregor (Mac), of Cooper and St. Andrews, retired R.A.E.C. Beloved husband of the late Clarice M Watkins, father of Iona, Maury and Ailsa, loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Rest in Peace. Reception of remains at St. James Church, The Scores, St. Andrews at 5pm, on Sunday 20th March. Requiem Mass on Monday 21st March at 10am, and thereafter to Kirkcaldy Crematorium for 11.30 am to which all friends are invited. No flowers please.

MOSS - On March 16th, at Gaddesden Place, after a sudden illness, James, loving husband of Renee and devoted father of Charles and Catharine. Private cremation and no flowers please at his request.

RAWLINS - On March 17th, suddenly at home, group Captain R.R.Rawlins, very much loved husband and father. Funeral at St Mary's Church Shalford, at 2.30pm on Wednesday March 23rd. No flowers please.

REX - On March 18th, at Bideford, Phyllis Marjorie, in her 96th yr. Cremation at Barnstaple. No flowers please.

RUSSELL - On March 12th, in Kensington, Violet Ione Russell M.D., London, aged 97 years, only daughter of the late Alexander Russell D.Sc. F.R.S. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium 10.00am Wednesday March 23rd. No flowers by request.

SNODGRASS - On March 16th, Kathleen, widow of Major W.M. Snodgrass M.C., R.A.M.C., aged 89. Service at 3.30 pm on 31st March at Swallowfield Church. Nr Reading.

SPICER - On March 16th, Professor Arthur (Sam) Spicer formerly of Essex University, aged 68, after a long illness. Much loved husband of Heather and father of Robert and Susan. Cremation at Colchester Crematorium, Thursday 24th March at 3pm. No flowers, but donations please to St. Helena Hospice, Myland Hall, Colchester. A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

STANDING - On March 16th 1988, peacefully at home, Gilbert Lovell, aged 78. Dearly loved husband of the late Ella and loving father. Funeral service at St Katharine's Church, Mersham, Surrey on Tuesday March 22nd at 2pm followed by cremation. Donations if wished to The British Heart Foundation, c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill, Surrey.

STARKE - On March 17th 1988, Frederick. Suddenly at home. Beloved husband of Pamela, father of Sheila and former chairman Fashion House Group of London. Cremation at City of Bath, Haycombe on Wednesday 23rd March, 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal, SW3. His favourite charity.

WILD - On March 16th 1988, suddenly. William Millington, beloved husband of Jenny, loving father of John, David, James and Isabelle. Father-in-law of Michele, and grandfather of Paul and Sarah. Funeral service at St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, on March 23rd at 11.00am. prior to interment at Redhill Cemetery. All flowers and enquiries to Bagley Bros. 500 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. Tel (0602) 606197

WILLIAMS - On March 17th, gently, Crp Captain W R (Bill), of Tilly's Cottage. Much loved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Funeral Service at Waltham St Lawrence Parish Church at 2.30 pm on Tuesday March 22nd. Family flowers only, but donations to Royal Berks Hospital 150th Anniversary Appeal (in aid of redevelopment of Radiotherapy Dept).

WOLLEN - On March 17th, peacefully at his home after a prolonged illness, so patiently borne, John devoted husband of Bridget, sadly missed by his children, Richard, Juliet, Elizabeth and Nigel, and his twelve grandchildren. Cremation private by his request. Service of thanksgiving at St Matthias Church, Wellswood, Torquay on Friday March 25th at 11.30am. Donations if desired for Royal National Life Boat Institution, c/o Torbay and District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

BALLYN - In loving memory of Cecil, Captain, Royal Artillery, 658 Squadron Air OP, DFC with Bar, who died of wounds on March 18th 1945.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

WALLIS - On 19th March 1959, Elfriede May (Betty), remembered with love. Much loved mother of Pamela and David.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

WELCH:SCHWARZENBACHER - Married on 20th March 1948, at Ealing, West London; now residing in Kingsteignton, Devon.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

EARTHROWL:CHAFEN - On March 19th, 1938, at St. Peters Church, Brockley, Russell to Bobbie. Congratulations on your Golden Wedding from your family.

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Thursday 31 Mar 7.30 pm — ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Ladies of the London Symphony Chorus. Sir Charles Groves (conductor) Paul Tortelier (cello) Dvorak Cello Concerto, Holst The Planets. RETURNS ONLY. £12.50, £10, £7 £4 (only). RPO Ltd

Friday 1 Apr 7.30 pm — LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY London Mozart Players, Jane Glover (conductor) Elizabeth Gale, Sarah Walker, Maldwyn Davies, David Wilson-Johnson, Stephen Roberts, Anthony Rolfe Johnson. (Bach St. John Passion (in German). £12, £11, £9.50, £8, £6.50 £5, £3.50. London Choral Society

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Sunday 20 Mar 3.00 pm — STEPHEN BISHOP-KOVACEVICH (piano) Beethoven Sonata in D minor Op. 31 No 2 (Tempest), Sonata in A, Op. 101, Ravel Valses nobles et sentimentales, Brahms Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel Op. 24. £8.50, £7, £6, £5, £4. Harrison/Parrott Ltd

Sunday 20 Mar 7.45 pm — NORTH INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC MAHMUD MIRZA (sitar) Latif Ahmed Khan (tabla). £7, £6, £5, £4, £3. Basil Douglas Artists Management

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Friday 25 Mar 7.45 pm — ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Philip Ledger (cond/hpschd) Sir David Lumsden (hpschd) Soloists & Chamber Choir of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama. Purcell Dido & Aeneas, Bach Concerto in C min BWV 1060, Robert Chilcott Scottish Folksongs for a Royal Occasion. £8.50, £6.50, £4.50. ECO & Music Society/RSAMD

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Sunday 27 Mar 7.45 pm — HATFIELDS PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Howard Barrell (cond) Alexander Baillie (cello) Dallas Bragg Fest Elgar Cello Concerto, Tchaikovsky Francesca da Rimini, Stravinsky Suite The Firebird. £6.50, £5, £3. Hatfields Philharmonic Orchestra

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Who's where?

A new directory of social status arrives this spring to challenge the venerable *Who's Who*. And, as Alan Hamilton finds, the editors do not always agree on who really matters



Ins and outs: clockwise from top, Joan Collins, Bruce Gyngell, David Gower, Susan George and Rowan Atkinson are left out of *Who's Who*, but find a place in *Debrett's new Distinguished People of Today*

You will not find Charles Hamar Delevingne, Esq., in *Who's Who*. By the standards of that august directory of the great and the good, Mr Delevingne has yet to, in a phrase which the great red tome's editors would themselves shrink from employing, make it.

It would not greatly surprise Mr Delevingne, nor particularly upset him, that you had never heard of him, for he is presumably secure in the knowledge that by his own lights he has most certainly made it, at the tender age of only 38: a fast-lane, post-Big Bang City money wizard, chairman of a property investment company, a house in Chelsea, married to Pandora, daughter of Jocelyn Stevens, two young daughters Chloe and Poppy, and a member of Buck's.

But if *Who's Who* won't have him, Debrett's will. We know of him by his entry in *Debrett's Distinguished People of Today*, the forthcoming rival gazetteer which, while not entirely embracing the Warhol belief that everybody should be famous for 15 minutes, is prepared to admit to its pages the comets of the social firmament as well as the fixed stars.

What, in Debrett's eyes, makes people distinguished is clearly not the same as what makes them worthy of the ultimate pantheon of *Who's Who*. The new volume has opened its pages to the likes of Joan Collins, Empress of Soap; Rowan Atkinson, the lugubrious comedian; Jeremy Irons and Susan George, currently popular thespians; Bruce Gyngell, managing director of TV-am and scourge of the £90,000-a-year television technicians; Mike Gatting and David Gower, who must be classed as players rather than gentlemen on the cricket field; Debbie Moore, founder of a chain of dance studios; Lindka Cierach, who ran up the Duchess of York's wedding frock; and Eric Lobb, head of the firm which makes the Duke of Edinburgh's boots.

All, it must be said, are regarded as mere flibbertigibbets and fly-by-nights, *arrivistes* and upstarts, by the editors of *Who's Who*, for not one of the foregoing rates a mention.

It used to be so simple knowing who was who. There were, well, *rules*. In the early days of the century you automatically qualified for *Burke's Landed Gentry* by having a thousand acres for a hundred years, although in its latter days, before it ceased publication in 1972, the qualifying acreage was down to 250. The Peerage, of course, is still the Peerage (although the odd rum cove manages to sneak in at the bottom among the lifers); setting the criteria for having arrived among the rest of us in the Glorious Thatcherite Meritocracy is a rather more inexact science.

Trying to discover the inner workings of *Who's Who* and its rules for bestowing the honour of an invitation to appear is like trying to penetrate the Cabinet Office Honours Committee, which in many ways it resembles. The book is produced from an office in Bedford Row by a shadowy, faceless staff which seems to consist largely of ladies of a certain age, under an editor who prefers to hide beneath a cloak of anonymity.

One of the said ladies, who declined to give her name, agreed with some diffidence to lift a corner of the veil. "The most basic criterion for an entry is that it should be someone who is sufficiently in the public eye for other people to know something about them and want to look them up." So far so good.

"There are certain categories that would be included automatically, for example MPs or High Court judges, or anyone who is knighted. We study every Honours List; all CBEs will be considered by our selection board, but they will not necessarily be invited."

Selection board, eh? May we know who sits on it? "Oh no, I am afraid not." No, we thought not.

"We tend to invite people who are well established in their careers and are therefore perhaps into middle life. Someone who wins a lot of medals for swimming at the age of 15 we would regard with caution until they had proved themselves later in life," the said lady said.

And what of sports and showbusiness, with their more mercurial stars? "We read the newspapers very carefully, and if we saw an actor being very regularly mentioned in the film reviews, we would consider it, provided he had a substantial body of work behind him. Sport is even more difficult; careers tend to be so short, don't they?"

Yes, but while you don't include Mike Gatting, you do include Mike Brearley. "Ah, but Mr Brearley has gone on to do other interesting things, like writing books." Take note, Gatters.

The one certain thing about an entry in *Who's Who* is that, with the exception of a very few who ask to be taken out for reasons of security, it is there for life, until the Grim Reaper comes to gather up the type and bear it to the everlasting hereafter in the pages of *Who Was Who*. "We always bear that in mind when we invite a new entry; the person's reputation has to be one that is likely to last," she said, sounding ever more like the Prophet Ezekiel.

No such magisterial mystique surrounds the rival Debrett, whose office down at the far end of the Fulham Road is reached by an obscure brown door between a garage and a pub. David Williamson, the new book's editor, is quite happy for everyone to know who he is, and what he is about. "We will quite happily drop people if we think their star is on the wane," admitted Williamson, a cheerful Pickwickian who, in spite of considerable standing as a genealogist, does not appear in either volume.

"To get in, you have to be distinguished by who you are or what you are. We've got the whole Peerage in, of course, down to baronet level, which accounts for one-third of the total entries. The rest are in for what they've done, not for who they are; we've gone for the household names, the ones that are on everyone's lips."

And what arcane, mystic ritual is employed in their choosing? "Oh, we read the newspapers and see which names keep cropping up. I think we found Mr Delevingne, for example, in the appointments column of *The Times*; personally, I'd never heard of him before."

Which elicts another confession from Williamson: "Quite frankly, some of the people we have included are very, very dull. But they are still the sort of people you might need to look up. We have put in a lot of chairmen and chief executives from the City, advertising, public relations, that sort of thing. We get calls here all the time from secretaries who say: 'My boss has been asked to dinner with Mr X; can you tell me anything about him?' "

But just how brief does a reputation have to be for inclusion in what its publishers hope will become the standard route map to the fast track? "I don't think we'll be including Eddie the Eagle; there are limits to ephemera. But I think we would put in the current England cricket captain every year."

Like *Who's Who*, Debrett issues its invitation in the shape of a form to be filled in with details of parents, marriage, career, decorations, recreations, address and telephone number and, unlike the older rival, details of any interesting ancestors. Also unlike the rival, Williamson does not necessarily take the replies at face value, and is quite prepared to indulge in what might be called investigative journalism.

"We get a lot of replies which, for example, fail to mention a previous marriage. If we have the information — and we have a lot of it here — we will put it in. With the subject's permission, of course. We tell them we are not prepared to suppress facts." Thus Tony Benn's entry discloses that he was educated at Westminster School, a fact he plays down and which fails to appear in his *Who's Who* entry; Lord Kagan's entry, unlike his biography in the other place, states plainly: "Knighthood cancelled and annulled, 1981"; and film producer Roy Boulting lists for the first time his five marriages, one common-law wife, and seven sons.

Books of this kind have their element of vanity publishing. Williamson thinks that at least half of those appearing in it, who have not previously figured in such a directory, will buy it as a coffee table book, although to have it open at the appropriate page would presumably be *de trop*. Britain is clearly in sore need of such a book, being the only land of snobs which doesn't already have one; the disadvantage of the otherwise majestic *Who's Who* is that its cast-list is nearer the grave than the cradle. No New York hostess is without her *Social Register*, no French office or restaurant without without its hefty Gallic equivalent, *Bottin Mondain*. Even the Belgians have one, titled *High Life* and pronounced *Ee-Leaf*.

Harold Brooks-Baker, of Burke's Peerage, which does not publish such a directory and indeed, because of a long-standing copyright wrangle, does not even publish *Burke's Peerage* at present, welcomes the arrival of *Distinguished People of Today*, but thinks, with its 28,000 entries (about the same as *Who's Who*), it is too short. "Books like this must be either selective or comprehensive; it should have at least 40,000 entries, or better still 60,000."

Actually it doesn't matter, according to Brooks-Baker, who is in such a book; what matters is who isn't. He isn't.

Which is which

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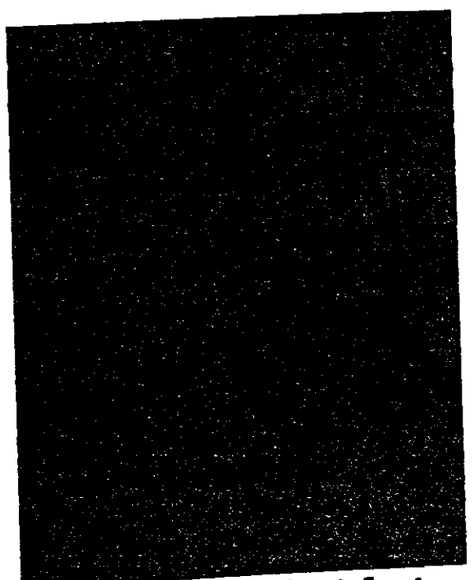
TODAY, Debrett's Distinguished People of; audacious new rival listing many of *grt* and *gd*, and some of the quite *gd; born* 1988, *s* of Debrett's Handbook (*d* of poor circulation after only three editions, 1986) and *grand s* of Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed and Official Classes (*d* of old age, 1977); younger *br* of Debrett's Peerage (Ian McCorquodale, *s* of Barbara Cartland, chairman). *Contents:* peerage down to baronet level, usual MPs, judges, senior military; light on eminent academics; sprinkling of sport, showbiz, advertising and PR people, and City slickers; about 25,000 biographical entries, padded out with last two Honours Lists; continued appearance of entries dependent on individual performance. *Price:* £55. *Sales:* 10,000 initial print run. *Recreations:* spotting winners and demolishing pride. *Address:* 73/77 Britannia Road, London SW6.

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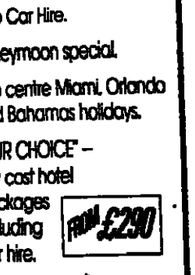
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Summer sails

Brittany Ferries is introducing a second ship, the Gotland, on its Portsmouth-Caen route from May 19, bringing the number of sailings to three a day for much of the summer season. The vessel can carry 1,200 passengers and 300 cars.

Tee for two?

Guaranteed tee-off times on two of the Algarve's golf-courses are one of the inducements in a 12-day spring package for golfers put together by Beach Villas (0223-350777) which leaves Gatwick on April 24. The price of £256-£296 includes self-catering accommodation, car hire and five day's green fees. Prices for non-golfers range between £199 and £229.

● *The German National Tourist Office (01-734 2600) has published a 112-page free brochure listing 360 holiday packages available at guaranteed prices in 270 locations throughout the country, covering the coming summer and next winter. There is also a 1988-89 guide to self-catering* accommodation throughout Germany.

Great Scots

Luxury weekend breaks in Scottish country house hotels are offered in a new programme from Abercrombie & Kent (01-730 9600). The basic price of £249 per person includes flights to Scotland from Heathrow or Gatwick, two nights' half-board accommodation and car hire. All six hotels in the programme are members of the Pride of Britain consortium and have Michelin and Egon Ronay ratings.

● It will be less expensive to stay in French four-star hotels from June 1 following a government decision to reduce the VAT rate from 18.6 per cent to seven per cent, bringing them into line with hotels holding a lower star rating.

Cutting Kos

Meon Villa Holidays is cutting the price of some April holidays. On the Algarve and Lanzarote there is a £100 discount on all available villas, while on Rhodes and Kos most properties are offered at £239 and £249 per person respectively for a two-week stay for a party of four sharing. For further information, telephone 0730 68411.

Free rail pass

British Airways is giving free rail travel to Gatwick over the next three months to passengers using the airport's new North Terminal and checking in at the airline's terminal at Victoria station. BA passengers checking in at the airport will receive a £5 car parking voucher.

Philip Ray

● The airfare from London to Miami with Virgin Atlantic Business (Upper Class) is £1,302 return, not £651, as given last Saturday.

TRAVEL BOOKS

● *John Kent's Venice* (Viking, £9.95) is a sort of illustrated atlas. Through its pages one can travel down the Grand Canal, looking at Kent's exquisite representations of 470 notable buildings. Each entry comes with diverting historical detail and anecdote. The entry for the modest Riva di Biasio states: "A butcher of this name is said to have murdered small boys to make his own original version of a pork delicacy called *squazzeto alla boechera*". Irrestible — and just the thing to take with you on the vaporetto.

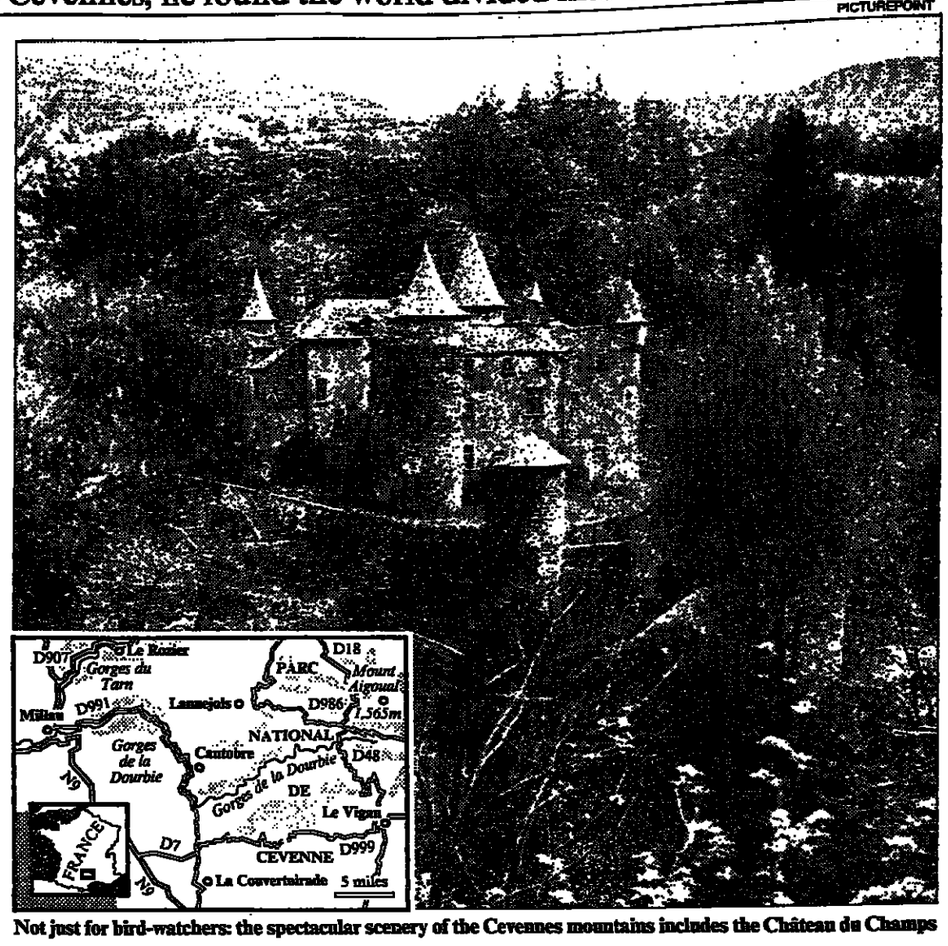
● Britain has probably had an overdose of Australia's Bicentennial, but for those who can still stomach the thought of travelling to the Great South Land, Patricia Daum has produced *Australia at Cost* (Little Hills Press, £5.95). With the Australian dollar so low, that should not be difficult for those with sterling in their pocket, but this book is a comprehensive area-by-area guide, with good information on hotels and restaurants, plus a sound emphasis on where the best beaches are.

Jenny Tabakoff

When **Nicholas Brett** went camping in the Cevennes, he found the world divided into birders and twitchers

Birds of a feather in France

PICTUREPOINT



Not just for bird-watchers: the spectacular scenery of the Cevennes mountains includes the Château du Champs

Quite what Monsieur made of the convoy streaming past his allotment, one will never know. Golf, *Volvo, Sierra, Volvo, Volvo, Volvo* . . . every hue, every marque, an alphabet of registration numbers. Fourteen of us in all, nose to tail, strung out like gaudy beads along the winding mountain road. And twinkling black and white on each boot, a GB sticker.

He did straighten his back, throw down his hoe and stare in astonishment, before shambling off inside shaking and dusting his head with an ancient hanky.

After all, this was the Cevennes in the first week of September. The impenetrable limestone landscape of plateaux and gorges that has only "recently been opened to tourism". The Cevennes, where if you are to believe the travel literature (French) the last Brit to pass his door was probably Robert Louis Stevenson and his donkey.

So where were we bound? Had we discovered this super little place, darling, that served *truite Cevenois*?

Hardly. Noon found the convoy shoe-horned into a mountain layby above Le Rozier on the Gorges du Tarn. Boots flung open, preparations were being made. John, lenses slung like salamis round his neck, snapped open the legs of his tripod. With the final spin of a wingnut he clapped his hands, slapped his sides and boomed: "Right, where are they?"

To a man, woman and child, we craned our necks and gazed upwards. There, hanging lazily in a warm current above the mountain tops were two gryphon vultures. The return of these magnificent birds with their eight-foot wingspan *to an area where they had long been* extinct is a credit to conservationists, according to Dr Mike Witherick, a university lecturer and RSPB enthusiast, who was spending a fortnight at the Cantobre campsite as a guest of Canvas holidays, the British camping company.

The presence of a bird expert at its sites in Europe is a Canvas innovation, and an inspired one. It was from him that we learnt the pursuit's arcane ways. We distinguished between the "birders" and "twitchers" among us. The birder is a top drawer conservationist, someone steeped in the country code who really *cares* about all those larks, bones and all, that end up in tins of paté. The twitcher is attracted by the pastime's similarity to train spotting and war games. He speaks of "bird party nine o'clock high", *LBJs* ("little brown jobs") and "trash" (any bird he's seen before).

Camping and birding sit well together. Both engender a fierce, clannish form of loyalty and their own curious exchange of information. Sloshing suds round a pan in the communal washing up area, you *talk* to each other. GPs from Exeter, solicitors from Blandford Forum. Good, solid middle-class folk. *Times* readers for the most part. Wet plimsolls, peeling noses and white hairy knees are the great levellers. The guy ropes bind you together: a love of France, one child too many and a second mortgage are what have brought you to your knees and crawling under canvas.

Not that camping Canvas-style is really camping. The tents have beds, electric light and a fridge. There are even campsite couriers to welcome you and take the children off your hands for an hour each day at the "Hoopi Club".

We arrived at Cantobre the weekend the French left. All there was to show of them were the yellow circles in the grass. It meant the site — spread generously over a splendid hillside of the Dourbie valley on the western edge of the Cevennes — was less crowded; though the absence of Europe's master campers and carpers did mean that the pool and camp shop had a slightly run-down, end of season feel about them.

But three hours by road from Avignon and the Motorail terminal, it was a fine starting point for day jaunts into the Cevennes. Millau, a splendid provincial town where all roads converge on a tree-shrouded circle, with its shops of fine shoes and gloves made from local sheep's hide; La Couvertoirade, once a 14th-century stronghold of the Templar knights and a safe stopping place for those on their way to the Holy Land, is now an artists' colony; Cantobre itself, perched precariously on the mountain side, boasts one watering hole, one road in and out, and not much else, and is reminiscent of those troglodyte hamlets in the Dordogne.

But it's the landscape that endures. The granite peaks. The limestone mountains like inverted pastry cutters, their serrated crowns topped by vast, scrubby plateaux (*causses*). The gorges slashed through the limestone, many of them dried up and scorched by the summer sun. The cultivated terraces, cut into the schist, with their chestnuts and mulberries.

We took a nature walk one fine morning up on the *causse*. The ground was a mass of smells and colours: wild mountain thyme, box and juniper, and the powder blue globe thistles that the locals dry and place in pots. But the ground was alive too, teeming with bush crickets, praying mantis, grasshoppers and showers of butterflies that scattered about your ankles.

On another day, trapped in fog just a few kilometres short of the summit of Mount Aigoual (1,565m), we turned tail for Lanuejols, arriving wet and uninvited at a funeral.

The coffin, ensconced in one of those blue *cameons* with fluted sides, probably belonging to the baker, led the procession to the graveyard. The priest followed, an umbrella protecting his biretta, green gardening galoshes poking out from under his cassock.

The bell tolled, answered by a crash of thunder. By now the sky was almost black. It seemed more like the day when the earth should be giving up its dead, when the lion would lie down with the lamb. Almost on cue, a mangy dog darted through the throng of mourners, someone's plucked and pot-ready chicken in its jaws.

TRAVEL NOTES

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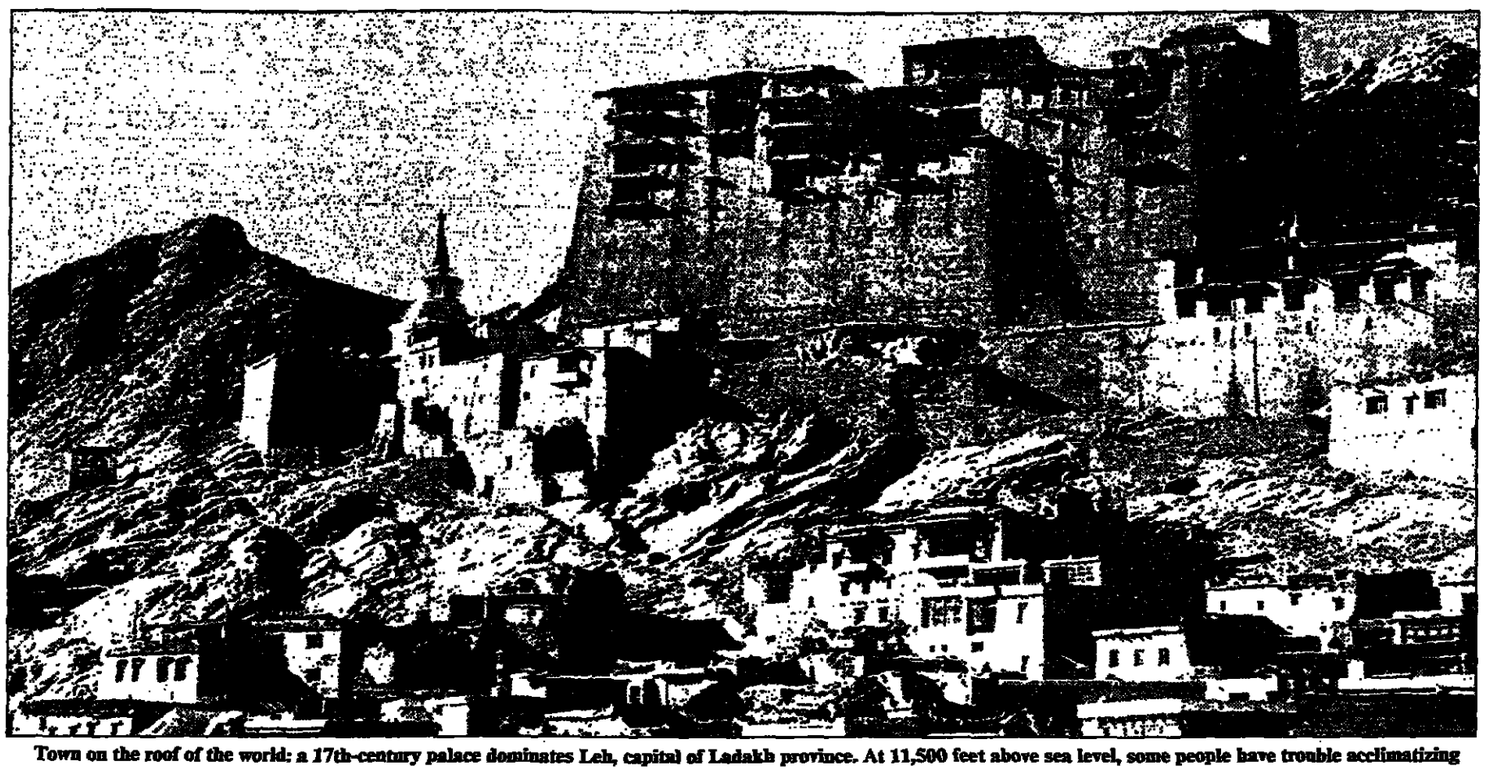
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A bit of Tibet in India

Lhasa is once again a forbidden city, but Peter Chambers has found an alternative in India's Ladakh province



Town on the roof of the world: a 17th-century palace dominates Leh, capital of Ladakh province. At 11,500 feet above sea level, some people have trouble acclimatizing

Nearly all you ever wanted to know about Tibet can be learned in India's most remote province, Ladakh, and there are current reasons for avoiding the costly journey to Lhasa. Eight people were killed in the streets this month in the Tibetan capital, when Chinese troops moved in on rebellious crowds.

The once "forbidden city" is again forbidden to individual travellers, though the Chinese are still permitting package tours, and 20 British tourists are due to leave for Tibet this Easter with Voyages Jules Verne.

Ladakh, the Indian alternative, is easier to get to, cheaper and is said (since Tibet has suffered nearly 30 years of Chinese occupation) to be today "more Tibetan than Tibet." The two peoples are ethnically and historically linked. The two countries have a common frontier (closed). They share a common religion, Buddhism.

I became instantly aware of the last fact when I got off the Indian Airlines plane at Leh, the capital, and caught a taxi into town. A photograph hung on the rear-view mirror. "Your father?" I asked the driver. He looked at me askance. "The Dalai Lama," he said.

Towering above the narrow streets of Leh is a vast, abandoned palace of the 17th century, which gave me a jolting sense of *deja vu*. That was because I had seen so many photographs of the Potala in Lhasa, and here it was again — on a smaller scale but still monumental and roof-of-the-worldish.

The roof-of-the-world effect occurs in other ways. Leh lies between the Himalayas and the Karakorum, two of the highest mountain ranges in the world, and this ancient crossroads town on the old trade routes is itself 11,500 feet high, a good 1,500 feet higher than most people can quickly acclimatize to.

"Tea," proposed our host, when we reported mild headaches and a tendency to dizziness on the stairs. The tea-supplier and proprietor of the Gal-Dan ("Full of Peace") Hotel was hardly what we expected in the land of red-robed monks and the mystic "Om."

Mr Sonam Gyalsan, MA, LL.B (Delhi), wore grey flannel trouers, blue blazer and Chelsea boots, and his English was close to impeccable. In a place where the first plane-load of tourists landed only 13 years ago, the amiable Mr Gyalsan was a Raj-style phenomenon, as unlikely as a monk in a solar topee.

Monks were for the following day. The ice-cold Indus rushed north, we bumped south on the road to Ladakh's most prominent monasteries. The landscape is grandeur writ large. The intense, late-summer sunshine glittered on a ring of snow-mantled mountains, where what is reputedly the highest road in the world threads over the Khardong Pass at 18,200 feet. The turn-off sign said: "You can have a dialogue with God".

Here and there, a line of poplars marked the course of the Indus. Women, kneeling in a row with sickles, were reaping barley and wheat in the infrequent patches of cultivation. This is desolation country. On the unyielding rock, only two inches of rain falls in a year.

Solid with the rock, the great monasteries climb multi-storeyed into the sky, their prayer-flags fluttering in the wind. Spitok, Shey, Tikse, Hemis . . . their names are as exotic as the experience.

Pay your modest entrance fee, don't smoke, walk where you like. A notice on the staircase said "Don't Urinate" but there are few rules. Prayer-time is tea-time, and for the sanctums you take your shoes off. The monks drink yak-butter tea and chant, while gongs boom, drums beat, and somewhere I detected a kind of clarinet noise.

Were they chanting the key *mantra*: *Om mani padme hum*? (Oh, jewel in the lotus, bless me). Who could tell?

At Tikse, apprentice monks were doing their lessons, little boys of seven and eight learning the Hindi alphabet by rote from a blackboard, except for one lad doing revision on his English ABC. They also have to learn Tibetan and Sanskrit script, in which the *mantras* (prayer texts) are written, and they sit cross-legged endlessly shrilling the holy formulas.

The huge gilt Buddha in Shey monastery, smiling his Nirvana half-smile, was an image I felt at home with, but I was increasingly confused by the "tantric" images in the monasteries and the royal palace at Stok. Here was a new demonology, "dragon-voice" trumpets, the fierce Lord of Death, called Yamantaka.

If the tantric cult is remote, the Ladakhi people, including the monks, are friendly. We exchanged smiles of mutual incomprehension in the street markets of Leh, bargained warily in the shops. The souvenir trade (jewellery, carpets) is in the hands not of Ladakhis, but of wily Kashmiris, who hustle up from Srinagar for the tourist season. This runs from June to October (the opposite to most of India) when the weather is like living in Greece by day, and like living in Scotland after sunset.

Leh is accessible by plane from Delhi and Kashmir, though many tourists in Kashmir choose to make the 270 mile, two-day journey by bus, often held up on the passes by huge army convoys.

Chinese Tibet is only 50 miles from Leh, and the Indian army camp is as big as the town. The army puts up the humorous road-safety signs in English: "Dozing is injurious to the health." "Darling, I want you, but not so fast."

At £20-£25 a day, all meals, our hotel was a bargain compared with Tibet where, for example, one British tour operator quotes a single-room supplement of £30 per night. That seems an expensive extra for sleeping alone on the roof of the world.



A Nirvana half-smile: the huge gilt Buddha at Shey monastery

TRAVEL NOTES



Ladakh is usually combined with a holiday in Kashmir, staying in a houseboat in Srinagar. Indian Airlines also fly Delhi-Leh direct twice weekly. The road journey Srinagar-Leh is spectacular: up by road, back by plane is a good arrangement. Package prices for a 15-17 day Kashmir/Ladakh tour: £995-£1,690. Bales and Cox & Kings offer frequent departures starting June. Swan Hellenic provides a guide-lecturer on its July tour. Explore Asia (01-630 7102) offers a five-night "5-star *sarai* camp" stay on its Ladakh excursion. Exodus (01-870 0151) specializes in trekking. Pleasure Seekers (01-930 3803) does tailor-made holidays. A list of operators is available from the India Tourist Office, 7 York Street, London, W1 (01-437 3677). Visa required: £20.

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TRAVEL 3

Last-minute Easter breaks

Peter Lilley has ideas for the sun, snow – and closer to home

Going away for Easter used to mean visiting relatives, a weekend in the country or, for the really extravagant, a few days abroad. Now it seems the frontiers of bank holiday travel have few limits, as people hunt for the Easter sun and snow. Kenya, Egypt and Florida provide some of this year's more exotic destinations.

While there is still a potpourri of packages left for last-minute impulse buyers, these are getting scarcer by the day and are only available to a limited number of locations.

CITIES AND EUROPE

Paris is still by far the most popular European city for an Easter break – or a break at any other time of the year.

There are hotels to suit every taste and pocket, although at Easter space is more likely to be found in the more luxurious four and five-star properties.

Among leading operators to the city are Paris Travel Service (0920-3922), Thomson Citybreaks (01-387 6534) and Time Off (01-235 8070), which offers three nights at the five-star Hotel Lancaster, a stone's throw from the Champs-Elysées, for £389 per person using Air France flights from Heathrow.

For the more adventurous – or those who cannot find room in Paris – **Amsterdam** with its canals, art museums and cosmopolitan atmosphere provides an attractive alternative.

Tour operators include Amsterdam Travel Service (0920-3922), Sovereign Cities (01-748 7559) and Crest Welcome Breaks (0295 67722) with a three-night ATS package at a four-star hotel costing £216 for bed and breakfast, using KLM flights from Heathrow.

Zurich, Vienna and the three major Italian cities – **Florence, Rome** and **Venice** – are among other choices available.

Most short-haul sun destinations – between three and four hours' flying time away – such as **southern Spain**, the **Canary Islands, Malta** and **Morocco** are already heavily booked, although Thomson (01-387 9321), Horizon (021-643 2727) and Intasun (01-290 1900) say there are still a few *holidays left.*

A typical example of the type of package on offer is Horizon's seven nights' self-catering in Malta for £169 which departs from Gatwick on March 28.

LONG-HAUL

The weakness of the US dollar has made America – and **Florida** in particular – the big favourite for those who can afford the time and money to take a long-haul Easter break.

While many operators – including American Express and Jetsave – say they are fully-booked and have been for weeks, American Airplan (0932 246166) can still offer one week's holiday to Orlando using a British Airtours charter flight from Gatwick. Included in the £499 price is accommodation at a Quality Inn, car hire and entrance to *Sea World marine park.* Disney World and the futurist



Getaway: Paris in the spring

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Elsewhere in the US, British Airways still has space on its scheduled flights to **New York.** Return fares are £582 Economy and £1,292 Club World.

Another hotspot is **Egypt** – about five hours' flying time away, offering temperatures in the high seventies.

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Abercrombie & Kent (01-730 9600), Hayes & Jarvis (01-245 1051) and Kuoni (0306-885044) are among other operators to Egypt and they may have a few last minute places available – but only as a result of cancellations.

One of the factors contibuting to the current boom to **Kenya** is the introduction of a weekly charter flight from Gatwick to Mombasa, operated by British Airtours. Select Holidays (0992-554144) is among operators with space still available – offering seven nights' half-board at the Reef Hotel in Mombasa for £555.

UK

While thousands of people will be doing everything they can to escape from **London** over the Easter period, thousands of others will be heading towards the capital with equal relish.

London is far and away the most popular short break destination in Britain and there are still plenty of hotel beds available over the Easter period.

While many people will choose to make their own arrangements, booking through a mini-break operator such as Superbreak (01-278 0383), Rainbow (0904-643355) or London Travel Service (01-730 5165) can usually save time and money.

Most packages offer bed and breakfast with the option of discount rail travel from provincial towns. There are also packages available to centres such as **Edinburgh, Bath** and **Chester.**

Superbreak also features the Gleneagles Hotel and provides an overnight sleeper service from London in its price of £171 per person for two nights' dinner, bed and breakfast. The company's package to Edinburgh's Caledonian Hotel costs £164 for two nights with return flights from Heathrow.

SKIING

With the recent heavy falls of snow in Europe, skiing holidays are in great demand. Alas, most of the popular resorts are already fully booked, but there is still scattered availability in **Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland** and the **Spanish Pyrenees.**

Companies with last-minute deals include Crystal Holidays (01-399 5144) with a week's half-board accommodation in Kitzbuhel for £265, Ski Falcon (01-229 9484) with a week in Andorra for £204, and Swiss Travel Service (01-730 9921) with a week in Davos for £119.

Fair runs ahead

SKI REPORT

Heavy snows in the last week have left almost the entire Alps with enough cover to last until at least Easter. While the problem is now to get the runs open in the Arlberg region, and to a lesser extent further west in the Bernese Oberland, conditions in the French Alps are near perfect.

Moreover the weather is becoming milder and more settled, so the outlook is promising.

W. J. Burroughs

SKI EVENTS

FRANCE

Courcheval: Freestyle competition, April 3.
Meribel: Pro-Am Mogul Snowboard and Monoskiing Trophy (second round), April 2; Pro-Am Mogul Skiing Trophy (second round), April 3.
Tignes: Pro-Am Mogul Skiing Trophy (first round), March 30.

ITALY

Livigno: Roberto Vecchioni concert, April 2-3.

SWITZERLAND

St Moritz: Easter Concert, April 2.

Peter Hankey

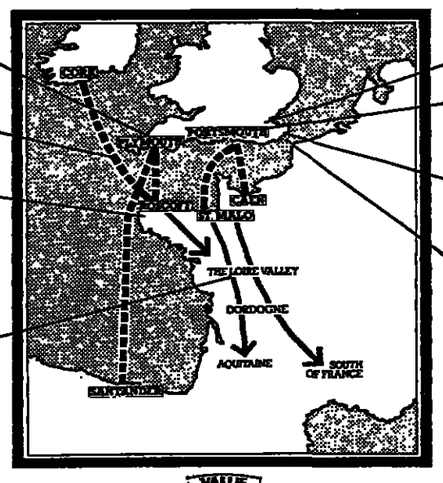
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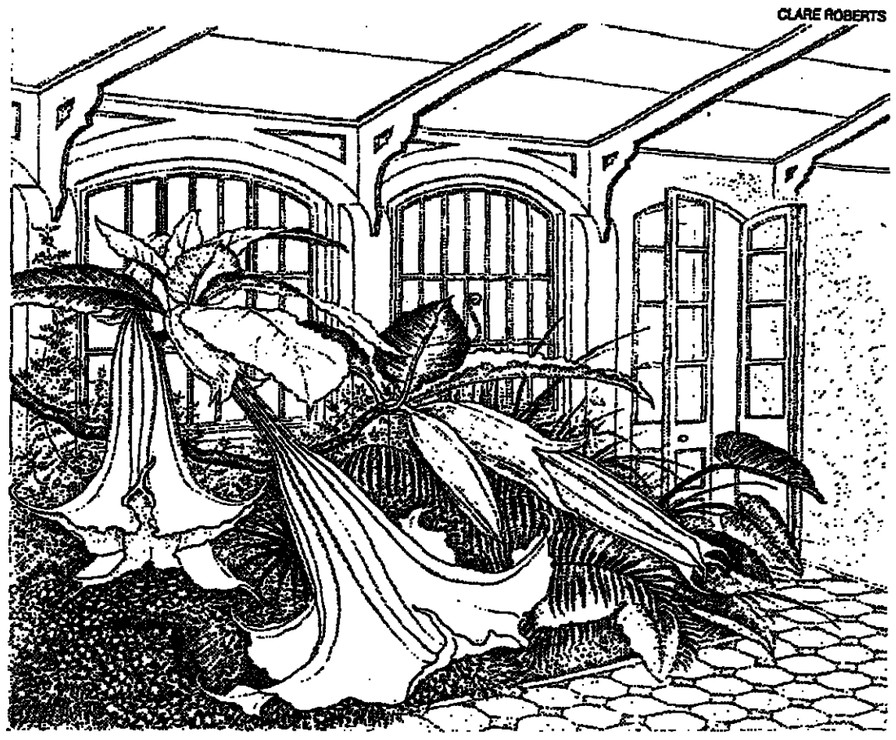
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GARDENING

Making an investment in glass

Conservatories are big business, but mistakes are common and expensive. Francesca Greenoak offers some advice on how to avoid the pitfalls

CLARE ROBERTS



Firms supplying conservatories are springing up rapidly, with glossy brochures to tempt the most down-to-earth horticulturalist. Unfortunately there are many pitfalls, and gardeners who dream of restful caverns of greenery and flowers are all too likely to end up with a fly-filled oven in which all plant-life perishes. There is a path to serene and trouble-free conservatory gardens. Success depends on informed planning, done well in advance because mistakes are excruciatingly expensive.

With prices ranging from less than £1,000 for a lean-to structure to crystal palaces which start at £22,000, one quickly becomes engrossed in sorting out the designs and details, the merits of wood or metal, glass or polycarbonate — while horticulture tends to get put aside. This is a crucial error. Although most conservatory designers are concerned about practical details such as durability and low maintenance, few know much about plants. It is salutory to remember that 19th-century gardeners dismissed beautifully constructed but horticulturally disastrous glasshouses as mere "architects' conservatories".

With conservatories, form and function are inextricable. Most people underestimate how hot it can get under glass (120°F was recorded in February this year) and it is pointless yearning for a cool fernery if your glasshouse is going to face south. Once you have worked out the aspect and heating arrangements for a minimum temperature, it is useful to think of a comparable natural environment. A sunny conservatory, with a cool winter atmosphere of 40°F/7°C, will suit bougainvillea in a gravelly fast-draining growing medium and plumbago in a richer loam — whereas in a warmer 55°F/13°C the wax plant *Hoya carnosa* or the fragrant stephanotis would be possibilities. A shaded, unheated but frost-free glasshouse could have abutilons and camellias.

Whatever your plants, they must have ventilation — which means opening roof lights as well as side windows to ensure a good circulation of air. For this reason, it is better to choose a glass roof, because polycarbonate roofs cannot have windows fitted. If you can afford it, double glazing is better for plants in summer and conserving heat during cold periods. Blinds on roofing panels which are directly hit by the sun are also a benefit.

Do not forget that pot plants in hot conditions require watering several times a day and in a large, well-stocked conservatory this amounts to heavy labour. I don't favour automatic watering systems because they eliminate individual attention. A better solution is to give the plants beds rather than pots, creating a more humid micro-climate and giving better resistance against drought. The beds can go down to floor level — or deeper into the underlying soil — so long as drainage and the damp course are taken into account.

The same rules for plant hygiene apply in both the conservatory and greenhouse: tackle pests or disease as soon as they threaten; remove dead leaves and flowers; use a sterile growing medium; and spring clean annually by wiping surfaces with Jeyes fluid.

When choosing furniture and decoration, remember that white paint can cause glare, so consider cream or magnolia. Tiles or flagstones are the best flooring material because they are cool, easily cleaned, and can be sloshed with water on hot days to create extra humidity.

For those short on time or spirit of adventure, the advisory service Gardens Under Glass offers Planting Plans by Post, giving guidance on conservatories and plant schemes, tailored to site, space and personal taste. (Gardens Under Glass, Prospect House, 133 White Lion Road, Amersham Common, Buckinghamshire HP7 9JY: Plans from £110).

There are now many suppliers, some coming from the double glazing business, others architects, engineers or joiners. Send off for leaflets and compare styles, materials, prices and service. The best advice is: compare styles, materials and service and ask if you can inspect the models on site.

Two of the most widely-known firms which offer conservatories built to a modular system are Hall's Traditional British Conservatories, Church Road, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 6EU (0892-830 4647) and Amdega, 35 Godalming Avenue, Wallington, Surrey SM6 8NP (01-688 0629). It is still worth looking at other firms national and local.

Room Outside, Goodwood Gardens, Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 OQB (0234-776563) gives a comprehensive breakdown of options and materials and provides a practical assembly guide. Alexander Bartholemew Conservatories, 83 Disraeli Road, London SW15 2DY (01-785 7263) offers a variety of styles — not cheap but reliable — and Marston and Langinger, 20 Bristol Gardens, Little Venice W9 2JQ (01-286 7643) has beautifully tailored structures at aristocratic prices.

GARDEN NEWS

Neither grass nor hedges stopped growing for long during this mild winter and now mowers and clippers need a mechanical check before the season starts. Make certain that electrical cables have not pulled loose, or plastic sheathing become worn (or even nibbled away by mice) over the winter months.

Introducing several new safety measures, Qualcast is just about to launch a high quality circuit breaker — a device all users of electrical mowers and power tools should use (the Powersafe, £19). Also in the interests of safety, Qualcast includes a pair of goggles with their grass trimmers (these should be worn also when wielding hedgecutters). This firm was the first to have safety blades for rotary mowers and the new hard-wearing plastic blades perform well on grass but don't cut shoes or cables. Gardeners who doubt that safety blades are as efficient as metal ones are invited to try for themselves at a number of National Trust gardens during the summer. Qualcast is also offering a money-back guarantee that Hoversafe mowers with the new plastic blades will cut as well as the old metal types.

● **Gardens to visit:** the regular weekly listing appears on Friday in *The Times* Information Service.

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Cut coloured stemmed dogwoods *cornus alba* to ground level.**
- **Feed over-wintered broccoli, and spring cabbage**
- **Plant conifers and evergreens now. Don't forget to water regularly until roots become established.**
- **Continue to divide clumps of perennial plants.**
- **Plant Jerusalem artichokes sparingly — remembering they produce a large crop from a small number of tubers.**

OUT AND ABOUT

Back to the Ice Ages

OUTINGS

THE ICE AGE: Exhibition which looks at Britain as it might have been 75,000 years ago, when much of England was covered by ice. Models, fossils, photographs, and charts provide the evidence. Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire (0722 332151). Today until May 21, Mon-Sat during March, 10am-4pm; from April, 10am-5pm. Admission, March, adult £1.25, child, 30p. April, adult £1.50, child 50p.

NATIONAL SHIRE HORSE SHOW: A record entry of 295 horses are entered for this annual event. Classes for in-hand mares, fillies, geldings, and stallions; singles, pairs, and teams. Grand Parade at 3.45pm. East of England Showground, Peterborough (0733 234451). Today. Judging from 8.30am. Adult, £4.50, Child £2.

MODELWORLD 88: Organized jointly by the Sussex Association of Model Railway Clubs and the Brighton Centre. Trade stands, layouts for model trains, railways, boats, 'planes, boating lake with remote control boats, Meccano fairground, and small-gauge railway rides for children. The Brighton Centre, Brighton, East Sussex. Information 0273 203131. Today, 10am-7pm, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Adult £2, child £1. Family ticket £5.

19TH NATIONAL YOUTH MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS: Marching bands from around the country compete in this annual event. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (Box Office 01-589 8212). Today, 10.45am. Tickets £5 to £11.

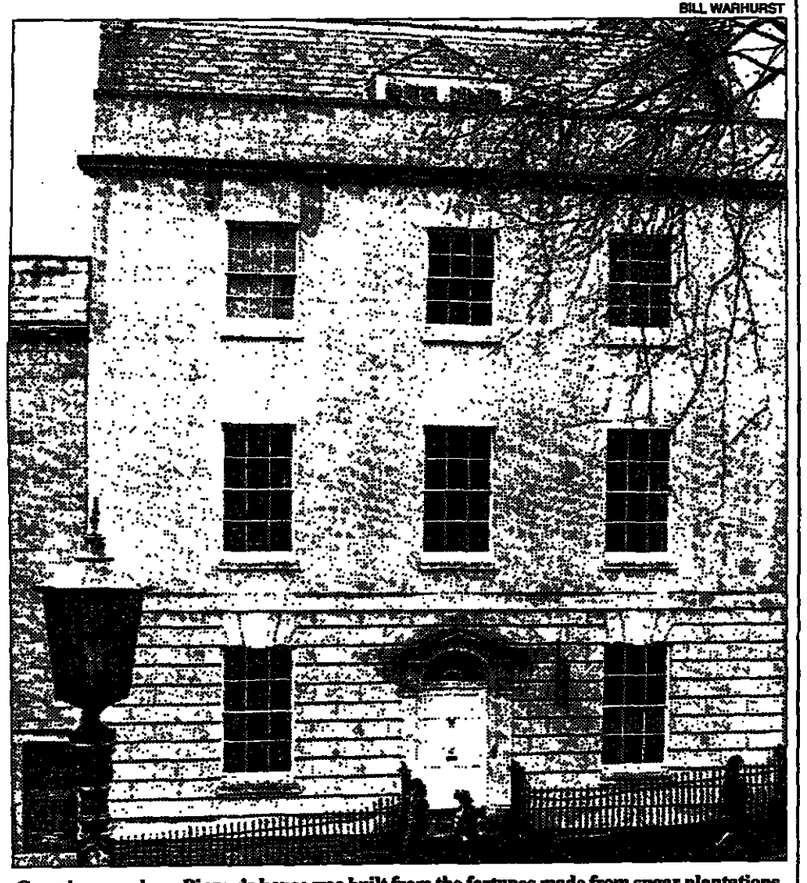
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Judy Froshaug

Elegance — at a price

Bristol's Georgian House Museum gives a fascinating glimpse of life in England's most elegant era, Nigel Andrews writes

BILL WARHURST



Georgian grandeur: Pinney's house was built from the fortunes made from sugar plantations

Despite the best endeavours of the Luftwaffe and the planning authorities, Bristol still has a great deal of its history above ground, in the form of a wealth of fine old buildings. Most abundant is the evidence of the city's great Georgian prosperity, founded, sad to say, on the slave trade, but translated into elegant terraces and grand public buildings.

The Georgian town house, surely the high point of urban domestic architecture, is here present in quantity. One house survives which gives a unique insight into the style, comfort and convenience of the type — the Bristol Georgian House Museum. On a hilly site near the university, in a quarter of handsome terraces, bookshops and restaurants, the house has been open to the public since 1939, one of the earliest and best presented museums of its kind.

It was built for John Pretor Pinney, a wealthy sugar merchant and a friend of the Wordsworths and Coleridge and Southey. It was probably at this house that William Wordsworth first met the other two poets, in the days when their young heads were full of Utopian schemes for an ideal society. Wordsworth wrote to Coleridge in 1799: "Your account of Pinney is not more than I should have expected as I know him to be an excellent man."

This excellent man was descended from a famous Puritan preacher, also John Pinney, whose son Azariah was deported to the West Indies after taking part in the Monmouth Rebellion. There Azariah became a successful sugar planter and it was his fortune that eventually came to John Pretor Pinney, who managed the sugar plantations until retiring to Bristol in 1783.

Little of John Pinney himself survives in the house, but the City Museum and Art Gallery, which administers it, has recreated a convincing and authentic sequence of interiors. The furnishings are all of the 18th and early 19th centuries, with Chippendale, Hepplewhite and Sheraton represented. The walls are hung with 18th-century portraits of Bristol notables — including a charming group of *The Burton Children* by Richard Phelps in the Eating Room — as well as local views and landscapes.



Of an era: *The Burton Children* hangs in the Eating Room

With a typically Georgian care for domestic comfort, the house is arranged with its principal rooms to the rear (and on the first floor), away from the noise of the street, and enjoying sunlight, extensive views and easy access from the service stairs. The drawing room is the grandest, very light and airy, with all the fashionable fittings — torcheres, girandoles (wall lights) and Adam-style furniture.

The library has a very grand double-secretaire bookcase, containing the family Bible, and a striking view of the Grecian St George's church which is bang opposite. Below stairs the kitchen, laundry and housekeeper's room are reconstructed in detail — a reminder of the work that went into keeping a town house functioning smoothly.

The uncommonly full picture of life in a Georgian town house is completed by a curious survival — a cold-water plunge-bath in the basement. As a young apprentice in London, John Pinney wrote (ungrammatically) to a country cousin: "I now subscribe to a Cold Bath and goes in every morning which I finds to be of great service to me".

He also, it is heartening to learn, continued to take a lively interest in the running of his West Indian estates — and in the welfare of the slaves who, in one of history's nastier little ironies, underwrote the elegant amenities of this lovely Georgian house.

The Georgian House, Great George St, Bristol is open Mon to Sat, 10am-1pm, 2-5pm. Admission free.

COLLECTING

What is a real Hepplewhite?

"This mahogany chair is pure Hepplewhite," said the owner. "Made by him personally. How much do you think I should insure it for?"

"At least £700," said the valuer. "It's a good 18th-century example; but it can't be claimed to be the work of his own fair hands — unless you can produce some sensational evidence, such as a receipt."

"Oh, but I can. The dealer we bought it from was most punctilious. Here: 'Hepplewhite chair circa 1785, the shield-shaped back carved with Prince of Wales feathers.' How's that?"

"I meant an original receipt, a trade label, a letter to Hepplewhite from a satisfied client. Something of that kind. But no such thing is known to exist."

"But that's absurd. Surely he's one of the most famous makers?"

"Certainly one of the most famous designers. But his reputation depends entirely on a book, *The Cabinet-maker and Upholsterer's Guide*, published just 200 years ago in 1788 — two years after George Hepplewhite's death — by A Hepplewhite & Co."

"What does the 'A' stand for, if his name was George?"

"Alice, his wife. She's believed to have carried on his business in Redcross Street, Cripplegate. The designs are thought to be George's, but he didn't sign them, so there isn't any real proof."

"So my chair isn't really Hepplewhite at all?"

"Not at all, it's a fair description of anything made between, say, 1780 and 1800 that broadly conforms to a Hepplewhite design. Very little Georgian furniture can be attributed with certainty to a particular maker."

"But what about reproductions? Are they called Hepplewhite too?"

"Only in the stylistic sense. Your dealer committed himself to an 18th-century date. That's what matters. Without that, words like Hepplewhite, Sheraton or Adam don't offer very much in the way of a guarantee of authenticity."

"But they were Hepplewhite's own original ideas in the first place?"

"Not entirely. What he, or perhaps his wife and sons did,



was to translate Adam's grand, neo-classical style into something that the middle classes could afford." "Hepplewhite did invent the shield-back chair with the Prince of Wales feathers, didn't he? And the bow-fronted sideboard?"

"He illustrates a sideboard with cellaret drawers, yes; also shield-back chairs and an oval back with the feathers. But by 1788, these things were being made by other firms. All the 18th-century design books reflected current taste. Just how creative he was, I don't know."

"Sorry I asked".

Peter Philp

Specialist dealers: Norman Adams Ltd, Hans Road, London SW3; W R Harvey & Co (Antiques Ltd), Bond Street. **Saleroom prices:** Christie's — French Hepplewhite Pembroke table, £5,720; bow-fronted sideboard, £3,520. *Bicentenary Exhibition:* Antiques & Fine Arts Fair, Olympia, June 3-12).

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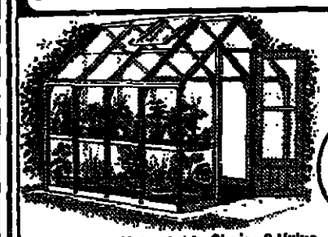
From the A358 take any of the lanes that rise steeply to the summit (I took the road through West Bagborough).

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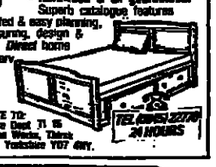
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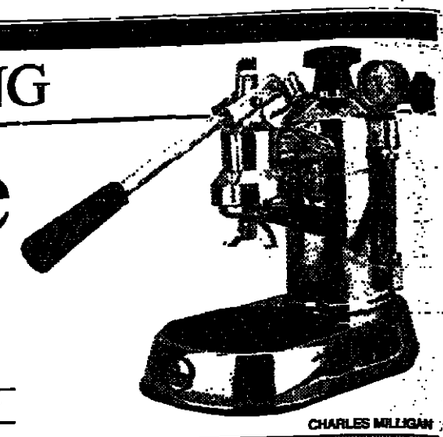
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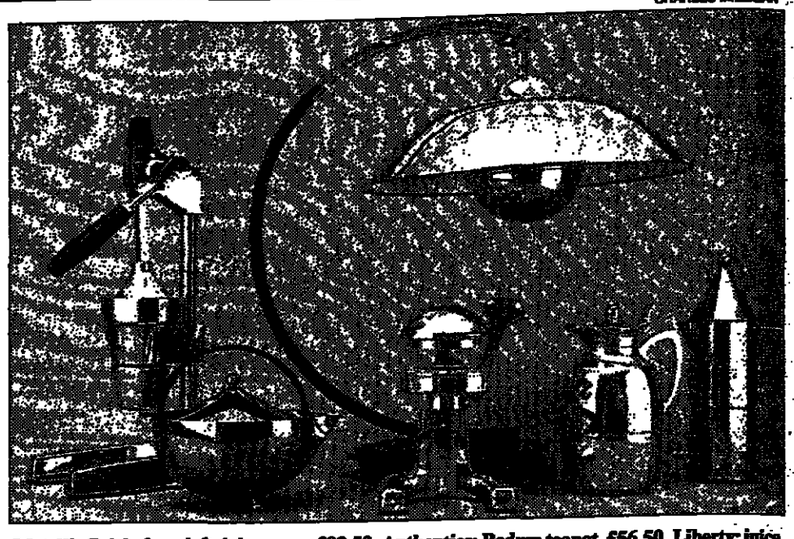
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Functional chrome has moved out of professional kitchens and into the home, writes Nicole Swengley

Caterers' toasters, chrome coffee machines and professional fruit juicers — more usually associated with Italian coffee bars — are now appearing on worktops in style-conscious domestic kitchens.

All very cult, certainly, but this kind of equipment is practical, too, as anyone will agree after comparing the long-lasting performance of the sturdy Dualit toaster with a lightweight pop-in model.

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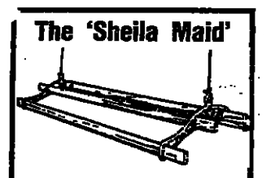
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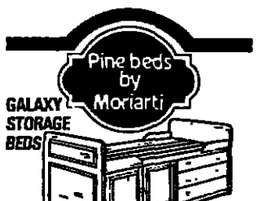
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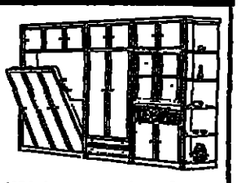


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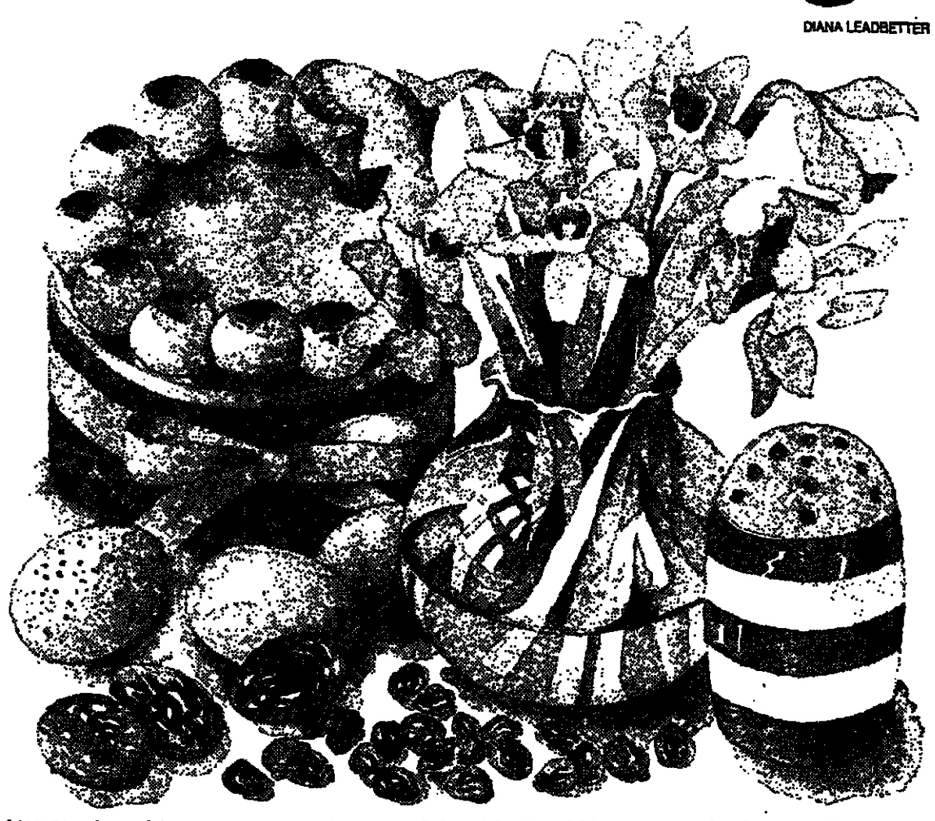
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Dust off the baking tins...

Inspired by her mail bag to get out the baking trays, Francis Bissell has come up with a mouthwatering simnel cake recipe for Easter



DIANA LEADBETTER

Easter is ahead of us, and simnel cake will be a welcome change from the usual fare. The cake traditionally made its appearance on Mothering Sunday, when girls in service were allowed to go home on the middle Sunday of Lent and took with them a cake which their mistress had allowed them to bake for their mothers. But it has such good keeping qualities that it was probably intended to be an Easter cake anyway.

Much of my recent postbag has directed my attention towards cakes and baking. I needed little persuasion to get out the baking tins and scales. There was the letter from a reader wanting my fatless Christmas pudding recipe. I admire her forward planning. Then there was a cake tin sent by a kitchenware manufacturer. It must have got held up in the post, as it was heart-shaped. Another letter was from a reader in Poole demanding my immediate retirement for the disgracefully rich and unhealthy ingredients in my toffee cake recipe recently. And a public relations firm thoughtfully sent me a simnel cake recipe. It contained rather more than necessary of the product they wished to sell, so I rolled up my sleeves and set about producing my own version.

The recipe which follows is one which I have developed along the lines of the low sugar, high fibre, fatless Christmas pudding recipe. To replace the traditional candied peel, I suggest chopped dried fruit. In preference to currants I like to use pale sultanas, and because there is plenty of natural concentrated sugar in the dried fruit, little extra sugar is used and that is unrefined or raw. Wholemeal flour suitable for cake making is now available and this is what I have used. The cake is a light golden colour rather than the more traditional darker cake. I have not attempted to change the almond paste but use rather less of it than some traditional recipes.

Light Simnel Cake

7oz/200g ground almonds
4oz/110g unrefined caster sugar
grated zest of ½ lemon
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1oz/30g melted unsalted butter
1 egg (size 3) lightly beaten

Mix together thoroughly, using only as much egg as is needed to bind the ingredients together. Knead lightly and put to one side, loosely covered.

For the cake

4oz/110g unsalted butter OR 2½oz/70g concentrated butter
2½oz/70g Demerara sugar
3 size 3 eggs
6oz/170g fine wholemeal flour
pinch of salt
1 teaspoon ground mixed spice
½ teaspoon baking powder
4oz/110g untreated dried fruit (apricot, pear, peach)
4oz/100g untreated sultanas
2 teaspoons lemon juice
grated zest of ½ lemon

Grease and line a 7in/18cm cake tin and pre-heat the oven to gas mark 3, 170°C/325°F.

Cream the butter and sugar, and beat in the eggs, one at a time. Sift the dry ingredients and fold into the mixture. Stir in the fruit, lemon juice and zest and mix thoroughly but gently and pour half the mixture into the cake tin. Roll out slightly less than half the almond paste, and cut out a circle (6½in/16.5cm in diameter and about ¼in/½cm thick) and place in the cake tin, pressing down lightly. Spoon on the rest of the cake mixture. Smooth the top of the cake and make a slight depression in the centre so that the cake will bake flat. Bake in the centre of the oven for 1-1¼ hours or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Allow the cake to cool in the tin before removing it to decorate it. Roll out the rest of the almond paste and cover the surface of the cake with it trimming off any overlap. With the trimmings, make suitable decorations – 11 small balls to represent the 11 faithful Apostles, eggs, nests, chickens, whatever you think suitable. Brush the top of the cake with the remaining beaten egg and put under a hot grill for five minutes to glaze, taking care not to let the surface burn.

Since you will have the oven on, you might like to try this next recipe for a good old-fashioned meat loaf. It has developed over the years from my mother-in-law's recipe. I now make it with plenty of herbs and spinach, using spinach leaves to wrap it as well, which gives it a pleasing appearance when sliced. Savoy cabbage at this time of year would be a good alternative. The meat loaf is delicious served hot with mashed potatoes and lentils or extra spinach. Any left-overs are very tasty cold with pickles and salad. Thinly sliced, it can be used as a sandwich filling. I prefer to buy the meat by the piece so that I can trim it and mince it myself.

Meat Loaf
(Serves 4 to 6)

¾lb/340g beef (skirt or shin would be suitable)
¾lb/340g pie veal
¾lb/340g pork
1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
2 slices fresh bread
¼lb/110g spinach, plus 8 large spinach leaves
4 spring onions
2 tablespoons parsley
1 tablespoon chives, coriander, chervil, basil or other fresh herbs (use rather less if you are using the stronger herbs such as thyme, rosemary or sage)
1 teaspoon ground all-spice
½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
¼ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoon good red wine (optional)

Trim the meat of fat and gristle. This will leave you with a little over 1½lbs/680g meat. Cut into cubes and then mince or process, but not too finely. Mix with the chopped onions. Remove the crust from the bread, soak in cold water for a minute or so, squeeze the water out and crumble the bread into the meat. Wash and dry the spinach thoroughly. Blanch the large leaves, drain and set to one side. Put the rest of the spinach and herbs in the food processor and process until finely chopped, or do the operation by hand with a sharp knife. Mix the greens and the rest of the ingredients with the meat. Wet a 2lb/1kg loaf tin, and line with the spinach leaves. Fill with the meat mixture, pack well down, cover with the spinach leaves and place in a roasting pan containing water. Cover the loaf tin with foil to stop the spinach drying out.

Cook in a pre-heated oven, gas mark 3, 170°C/325°F for 2 to 2½ hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre produces clear juices. Let the meat loaf rest in the tin for 15 to 20 minutes before serving then turn it out, and slice it after first draining off the cooking juices to make the gravy. With the oven on for this length of time, potatoes can also be baked alongside the meat loaf.

And finally, here is a soup based on one Geoffrey Welch gave us at Flitwick Manor, where he cooks game and fish dishes exceptionally well. Jerusalem artichokes are coming to the end of their season and scallops are usually fairly expensive. Here is an ideal way to make them go further. If Jerusalem artichokes are not available, use potatoes, but only ¼lb/340g.

Fresh Scallop and Jerusalem Artichoke Soup
(Serves 4)

1lb/455g Jerusalem artichokes
½oz/15g butter
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
1 pint/570ml milk
1 pint/570ml water
4 scallops
sea salt
white pepper
fresh dill or parsley

Scrub the Jerusalem artichokes, and cut off the knobbly bits which makes them easier to peel. Slice the peeled artichokes and drop them into a bowl of water to which you've added half a teaspoon of vinegar. Melt the butter in a saucepan, and cook the onions in it until soft. Drain the artichokes and add to the pan, together with the milk and water. Simmer gently until the vegetables are soft. Then rub them through a fine sieve into a clean saucepan. This gives the soup a better texture than if you make a purée of it in a food processor or blender. Wash scallops, remove the thick pad of muscle and dice them, including the coral. Add them to the soup, poach gently for 2-3 minutes, season the soup to taste and serve immediately. The soup can be rich or plain depending on whether you use full cream, skimmed or semi-skimmed milk.

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After believing that some foods could never be matched with wines Jane MacQuitty now enjoys eating and drinking her words

Wine loathes grapefruit, chocolate, horseradish sauce, curry, chillis, smoked salmon, ginger, pickled onions, gherkins, hot English mustard, vinegar and most Oriental cuisines ... At least that's what I wrote in this column two years ago. Since then I have had to revise my opinion drastically and, I confess, much enjoyed eating and drinking my own words.

The prejudice against these killer foods is instilled among wine writers. But every month for the last two years I have had to choose a wine for each of three courses of a dinner party, as part of a magazine project.

One of my first problems was to select a matching wine for a grapefruit and chickpea salad. Even Hugh Johnson, who happily finds vinous partners for such tricky dishes in his excellent *Pocket Wine Book* as sushi, tripe and *choucroute*, gets rattled about grapefruit and writes snappily: "If you must start a meal with grapefruit try port, madeira or sweet sherry with it". I plumped instead for a white new-wave rioja, a less expensive neighbour of Sancerre, Ménétou-Salon, and a supermarket Sancerre. Grapefruit does go with wine. It married reasonably well with all three. Try it with the racy, grapefruit-redolent white rioja, the '86 Marqués de Cáceres. (The Market £3.65; Lay & Wheeler, 6, Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex £3.60.)

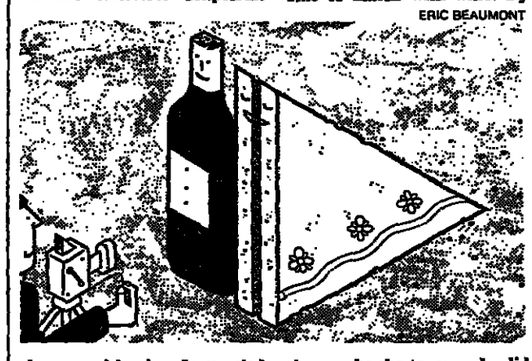
Grapefruit came around again, this time freshly-squeezed as a component in a vinaigrette for asparagus accompanied by fresh lime juice and slivers of lime peel. Incredibly I found a wine to cope with this starter too: Peter Dominic's fresh flowery '86 Château de la Galissonnière Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine (£2.99). The same wine's refreshing lemony palate, incidentally, made a perfect partner with avocado and smoked salmon mousse, once again spiked with lime juice. Avocado with raspberry vinegar was rather more demanding but a young dry white Graves from a green year – 1984 – with very high acidity did the trick.

By now I was convinced that every dish has its perfect vinous partner. Mustard lamb chops with gherkins was admittedly extremely difficult. Claret and rioja wilted under the onslaught of flavours, but that delicious, unusual, robust cedary-fruity '83 Tinta da Anfora Portuguese red from João Pires coped magnificently (Waitrose £3.15).

Chocolate raspberry meringue was matched with Sainsbury's luscious, peachy '85 Clos St Georges, Graves Supérieures (£3.45), but a chocolate-flavoured cream and yoghurt mousse was harder to deal with. However, Blandy's 10-year-old Malmsey with its rich raisiny taste made a triumphant partner (Augustus Barnett £14.45).

My most trying moment came with a Chinese menu, perhaps the most tricky cuisine to match with wine. By then – thanks to my splendid local Thai restaurant, the Blue Elephant, I had ascertained that the powerful chilli, lemongrass and coconut Thai flavours could all happily be washed down with Beaujolais. Our appetizer was Hot and Sour Prawn Soup, hopeless with any wine save a good pungent Manzanilla sherry. On to roast duck with spring onions and hoisin sauce, and fillet steak with root ginger. Again the powerful tastes of these two Chinese dishes murdered all my suggestions except one – Italy's extraordinary, burnt, inky '81 Lagrein Dunkel Riserva from J. Tiefenbrunner in the Sud-Tirol.

ERIC BEAUMONT

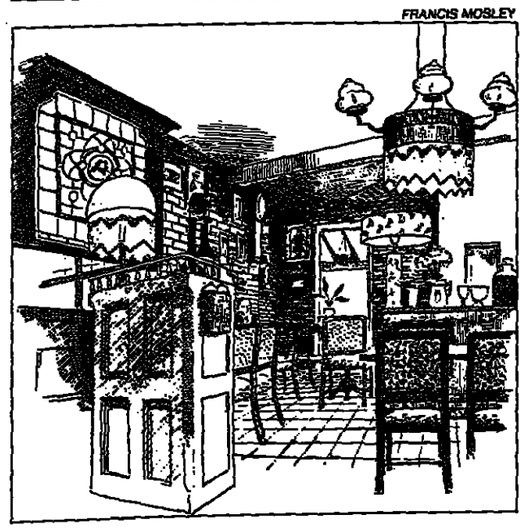


EATING OUT

Hosts with the most

Jonathan Meades looks at the endangered species of owners who show their faces

FRANCIS MOSLEY



There used to exist a tradition of hosts who were their own men. Tom Laughton, the brother of Charles and author of *Pavilions By The Sea*, ran the Royal at Scarborough and was, in his day, famous in the way that no hotelier could nowadays achieve. Likewise John Fothergil of the Spread-eagle at Thame, gastronomic tutor to Waugh, Acton and that Oxford generation and author of the still entertaining *Diary of an Innkeeper*.

What has killed off this tradition is partly the increasing standardization of hotels and restaurants and partly the ascendancy of the chef – who is liable to spend much of his time tucked away from the punter's gaze, with the result that the front of house is often no more than a rather characterless stage on which the cooking is the sole performer.

This rubs both ways: places such as the one in a southern cathedral city whose legless owner was liable to invite himself to sit at your table then charge drinks to your bill have, with increased professionalism, tended to go to the wall. But increased professionalism more often than not connotes nothing more than production line smiles, off-the-peg charm, spray-on winsomeness. The catering business seems, strangely, to attract numerous toilers who have no aptitude for dealing with paying customers and have failed to grasp that their job is to give pleasure.

It was from Nico Ladenis, who most certainly was not built from a kit, that I heard about Jacques Herbert. "Jacques," said Nico, "cooks from here." Nico clenched his right and aimed it at his heart. Jacques does. He cooks and does everything else from the heart. His tiny restaurant, Jacques, is in a north-east London street of, mainly, junk shops which don't even pretend to be antique shops. He is sandwiched between ancient clothiers with a 1930s front in vitriolite and Arsenal Pet Stores whose window contains a notice recommending their tripe to your cat.

The interior of the establishment owes everything to Jacques's eclectic taste and to the proximity of the junk shops. Jacques himself is no less remarkable than his creation. It would be insulting to call him a "character" or a typical Frenchman. He is neither; rather he is a highly competent restaurateur and chef who can never have considered conforming to the norms of his trade. His non-conformity is not something he has striven for, not an affectation. He evidently sees no reason why restaurateurs should not be human beings as well.

His cooking is simple, sophisticated, painstaking – steak with a nice gauged wine and shallot sauce of considerable intensity and sweetness; duck with honey; a splendid starter of goat cheese baked on a crouton with olive paste; a chestnut and chocolate cake whose custard is spiked with vielle prune; fromage blanc with prunes and a tart redcurrant sauce.

The wine list is not long but it's considered, has quite a few bottles that you'll improbably find elsewhere, and is reasonably priced. The tables all bear brass plaques with the names of French writers. I sat at Rabelais and didn't do the old boy justice: all that was consumed was a half bottle of Sancerre and two glasses of sweet wine. The bill was £67.

Louis, who runs the Zita in Swiss Cottage, is an old-style proprietor who does his utmost to see to the needs of his customers. The lunchtime I went there were only four customers in this prefab-like building which used to house the Japanese restaurant Wakaba – this meant that Louis had lots and lots of time to explain at length and in detail what his chef was up to, what was worth drinking, that Keo beer comes from Cyprus and so on.

The building is not in the least bit grand and still has the café-like air it had under the previous regime; but despite these handicaps Louis has chosen to do something unusual and open a Greek-Cypriot place which is a restaurant rather than a taverna. The menu is more ambitious than you'd find in Camden Town or Charlotte Street and some of the cooking matches that ambition: the fish soup is very fine indeed and so is the generously-served pork and tomato casserole. And there was not much wrong with a snapper served with beurre blanc save that it was poorly filleted; this is hardly a characteristic Greek dish, a fact that was rammed home by Louis calling the sauce "beurre blue" (*sic*).

Such standards as haloumi cheese and houmous are better than usual and the wine list is fascinatingly recherché – it offers a number of unresinated Greek bottles which are rarely encountered. The sweets include some Lebanese cakes which are nowhere near so gross as their Cypriot analogues. Two will pay about £55 for a substantial meal.

Harry (né Howard) Hodson, the athletic-looking philosopher and ranconteur who owns Howard's, used to run a pub at Little Venice on one of whose walls hung a blown-up magazine cutting which described him as "London's finest guvnor". One cannot believe all that one reads in magazines but that encomium no doubt got it about right. He has moved half a mile north to a site beside Maida Vale station, opened a bar-cum-restaurant and has brought most of his customers with him – which is not to say that the place is clubby or exclusive, rather that he's a born host who tends to hit it off with his punters.

The place is all pastels, mirrors, and framed photographs, and it seems to run with congeniality and ease. The wine list is still in its infancy and is insufficiently comprehensive but the cooking is, for an establishment on this scale, not bad at all.

There's an odd but entirely satisfactory brunch-type dish of warm muffins with smoked salmon, sour cream and caviar; and there's a more conventional one of fishcakes with beurre blanc and properly cooked peas. Those two dishes with a few glasses of water came to £9.50, which is pretty sound value and a boon to the inhabitants of an area which is notably poorly served with places to eat.

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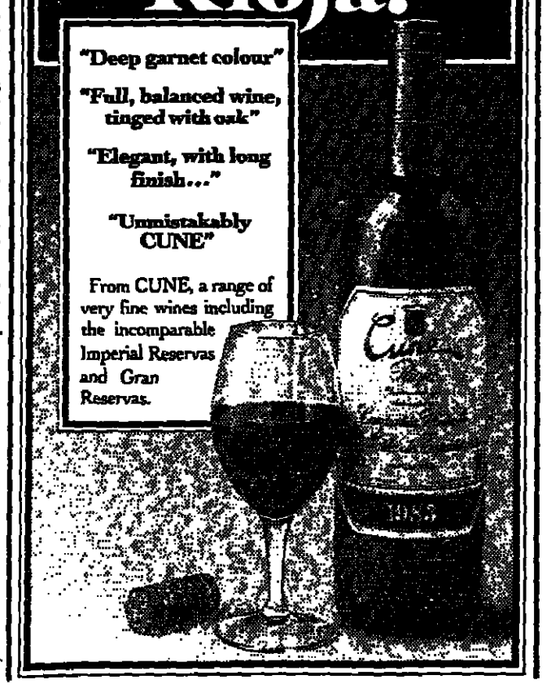
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THE ARTS

The rescuing of Mrs Mozart



For a century Constanze Mozart has been slandered by Germany's musical scholars. H.C. Robbins Landon suggests that the record should be put straight . . .



Sex kitten or honoured wife? A contemporary depiction of Constanze, whose reputation could be restored

Constanze Mozart is perhaps the most unpopular woman in music history. For a century she has been subjected to an increasingly slanderous series of attacks: she was a sex kitten, she was a superficial, silly woman incapable of understanding Mozart, she mismanaged the household finances and encouraged him to live a scatter-brained, if not absolutely dissolute life. Mounted for the most part by German musicologists, these attacks have recently reached the zenith of nastiness.

How did musicology arrive at this conclusion? Are there facts, or documents, of which we are ignorant? There are not.

On December 11, 1791, Constanze successfully submitted an application for a pension after Mozart's death. It was not a generous pension, but it was certainly a "basis"; and Constanze had meanwhile found herself with many friends and well-wishers. First there were benefit and memorial concerts — one in Prague was especially impressive. It took place in the Parish Church of St Nicholas on December 14, and Mozart's beloved orchestra of the National Theatre under Joseph Strobach and a choir with Josepha Duschek as soprano solo — a total of 120 musicians. Constanze's next move was to arrange for a performance of the Requiem at the Jahn Rooms (where Mozart had given his last concert two years earlier).

Then Constanze had a brilliant idea: Vienna had not yet heard Mozart's last opera, *La clemenza di Tito*, in its entirety, and she persuaded the authorities to allow her to perform it as a benefit concert in the Kärntnerthortheater on December 29, 1794. *Tito* was such a success that she repeated the whole operation in Lent 1795. Between the acts Beethoven played Mozart's D minor Piano Concerto (K.466), probably improvising the famous cadenzas which he later wrote down.

On May 1, 1795, Constanze proposed an even bolder idea: the publication of Mozart's *Idomeneo* by subscription. But in this noble undertaking she failed.

In late December 1796 she was back in Graz, to arrange a benefit concert with selections not only from *Tito* but also, in the first part of the concert, from *Idomeneo, awaiting its rediscovery. In all this* Constanze displayed an interesting flair for her husband's lesser-known works.

The prejudice against Constanze Mozart originated with her father-in-law, Leopold Mozart, and in turn Leopold's prejudice had its roots in his son's early relationship with the Weber family. To trace this first encounter with the Webers we must go back to 1778 and the ill-fated trip that Mozart and his mother made to Paris. En route they spent four and a half months in Mannheim, where Mozart fell in love with Aloysia, daughter of Fridolin Weber (1733-79) — uncle of the composer Carl Maria von Weber — and Maria Cäcilie.

The father had a very modest position as a bass singer at the Mannheim court and supplemented his meagre salary by music-copying and prompting. He had little more than a year to live by the time Mozart was courting his daughter. Weber's daughters included two who were to become spectacular coloratura sopranos — the eldest, Josepha (Mozart's first Queen of the Night) and the second, Aloysia. Mozart proposed accompanying Aloysia and Josepha and their father to Italy and merrily suggested visiting Salzburg en route to Italy with this entourage. Leopold Mozart was, rightly, horrified and under his pressure the mother and son set off for Paris. There, on July 3, Mozart's mother died.

Wolfgang's next scheme was to import Aloysia and her father to Paris for the coming winter, but this plan came to naught, not least because Wolfgang's own attempts to conquer the French capital were unsuccessful. Leopold wrote in a letter of September 3, 1778 that "as for Mlle. Weber, you shouldn't think that I would be opposed to this acquaintance. All young people have to bang their heads against the wall". But he was beginning to be extremely suspicious of the Webers.

Mozart arrived in Munich on Christmas Day, 1778 and, dressed in his French suit of mourning (red coat and black buttons), he found Aloysia in a room with other people. "She seemed . . . not to know him any more." So Mozart sat down at the piano and with a heart "full of tears" bravely sang "I'll gladly leave the girl who doesn't love me any more".

Nissen in his biography writes: "From now on her sister Constanze, who was perhaps more attracted by his talent than by his person, and was sympathetic to his betrayal by Aloysia, sought to entertain him. He taught her pianoforte and, as she was a willing pupil, with pleasure. Later they saw each other again in Vienna and discovered that Constanze made more impression on Mozart than had Aloysia previously."

One can imagine Leopold's deep suspicion when Wolfgang, in December 1781, broke the news to his father that he had fallen in love with Constanze (the Weber family, like Wolfgang, had meanwhile moved to Vienna). Here, in a letter to his father of December 15, 1781, is Mozart's extraordinarily level-headed and even coldly dispassionate description of the daughters:

The eldest [Josepha] *is a lazy, crude perfidious woman, as cunning as a fox . . . Mme Lange* [Aloysia had meanwhile married a court actor, Joseph Lange, in 1780] *is a false, malicious person and a flirt . . . The youngest* [Sophie] *is still too young to be anything special — she's just a good-natured but scatter-brained creature! God protect her from seduction! . . . But the middle one, my good, dear Konstanze* [a few lines earlier he spells her "Constanza", the Italian form] *. . . has the kindest of hearts, is the cleverest and in short the best of the lot . . . She is not ugly, but also far from beautiful . . . Her whole beauty consists in two little black eyes and a pretty figure. She has no wit, but enough common sense to enable her to fulfil her duties as wife and mother . . . She understands housekeeping, and has the best heart in the world — I love her and she loves me dearly . . .*

But tongues were already wagging, and Leopold received sinister tales of the conniving Weber family. They had insisted on a marriage contract with Wolfgang, who, despite his immense talents, was, when all was said and done, only a freelance musician with limitless prospects but no fixed salary. The family required Wolfgang to sign a statement saying that "I bind myself to marry Mlle. Constanze Weber within the period of three years and if it should prove impossible because I were to change my mind, she should be entitled to claim 300 Gulden per annum from me".

As soon as Constanze's guardian was gone, she called for the document and, tearing it up, said, "Dear Mozart! I need no written assurance from you. I believe your word without it". Despite the apparent sincerity of the lovers, however, Leopold suspected the worst: that Madame Weber and Constanze's guardian were "seducers of youth".

Wolfgang was longing for parental approval: he did not receive it at once, but finally Leopold sent his unwilling blessing, after Wolfgang had been united with his Constanze at St Stephen's Cathedral on August 4, 1782.

In a letter 10 days later, Mozart adds: "For some time before we were married we had always attended Mass and gone to confession and received Communion together; and she felt likewise. In short we are made for one another; and God, who orders all things and hence this too, will not forsake us".

Not God but German musicology forsook that marriage. It is hard to know precisely when it started. In his great biography of 1919-21, Hermann Abert claimed that Constanze started her marriage with Mozart as a silly and irresponsible girl, but under his tactful guidance — and even more under the wise diplomatic eye of her second husband, Georg Nikolaus Nissen — she improved and became, towards the end of her life, a good citizen and mother. She was pictured by Abert as coming from a family of "a widespread moral degeneracy", to which she "certainly contributed her part".

Arthur Schurig's biography of 1913 set the pattern for portraying Constanze as a scheming, brainless sex-symbol. Her sexuality was particularly repellent to German scholars: it "robbed the marriage of the intensity of its artistic productivity".

Wolfgang Hildesheimer, whose Mozart biography of 1977 ultimately led to Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus* and a five-part French television documentary on Mozart (written by Beatrice Rubenstein and Marcel Bluwal), said: "Constanze had an easy-going but withal pushing nature; she granted Mozart — and perhaps not only him — erotic, or at least sexual satisfaction, but was unable to grant him that happiness that a lesser man would have required for his self-satisfaction . . . "

Hildesheimer's book had an interesting side-effect. It was favourably reviewed in the *New York Review of Books* by Alan Tyson, a highly regarded scholar. In that review, Tyson proposed that the father of Constanze's youngest son, Franz Xaver Wolfgang, born on July 26, 1791, was Mozart's pupil Franz Xaver Süssmayr; and that Mozart was fully aware of the situation. A charming little *ménage à trois*.

The young German scholar Volkmar Braunbehrens was, in 1986, the first to take serious objection to this defamation. He noted that Leopold Mozart, although thoroughly disapproving of the whole Weber family, could find nothing of which he could disapprove during his stay in Vienna.

All other German scholars have preferred to start their investigations into the character of Constanze from Leopold's standpoint. But for that, Constanze would have appeared in an entirely different light. But I believe another, and perhaps higher, precept obtains in the case of Constanze and Wolfgang Mozart; it needs to be presented with peculiar force: "Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder".

This is an edited extract from 1791, Mozart's Last Year, *by H.C. Robbins Landon, published by Thames & Hudson on Monday at £12.95. The author will discuss his book at the English Speaking Union, 37 Charles Street, London W1, next Tuesday at 7.30 pm.*

All a question of body image

TELEVISION

The unquestioning acceptance of still photography as an art form, rather than as a more-or-less happy conjunction of subject-matter and machinery, is one of the minor nonsenses of our time. Where, as Gore Vidal has asked, does the artistry lie? With the manufacturer of the lens?

The mantle once assumed by the likes of Richard Avedon and Diane Arbus has lately fallen on Robert Mapplethorpe, a soft-voiced New Yorker with a sharp eye for *turgid musculature and* suggestive flora. A flower is worth a thousand words, and A signed Mapplethorpe up to $15,000. Mapplethorpe is much admired in the homosexual community and this trendy snapper has had an enormous influence on contemporary fashion advertising.

In 50 years, as one of the witnesses in *Arena* (BBC2) suggested, his work might still look provocative. On the other hand, it might simply look kitsch. Nigel Finch's respectful and typically stylish film was partly an elegy for the polymorphously perverse bathhouse culture which Mapplethorpe's headiest images celebrate, and it was a shame that the euphemisms should have come precisely from "this particular group" with their "different lifestyle".

This being Manhattan, all of Mapplethorpe's subjects had a mouthful to contribute. Even Lisa Lyons, world champion bodybuilder, felt moved to raise the topics of "enterogenous sensibility" and "the parameters of limitation", and spoke feelingly of 'a tiger running across a veldt' - a startling image which should alert zoo-keepers all over South Africa.

The most engaging sequence was of a shifty-eyed and highly articulate Edmund White paraphrasing Milton's condemnation of censorship, while the screen showed a succession of blank rectangles standing in for works of art thought unsuitable for transmission.

The novelist and homosexual apologist went on to speak darkly (if the adverb may be allowed in this context) of the "anguish" that white men experience when looking at black men, and of their inferred racism when so doing. If these whites care to look at black men with no clothes on, it is because they admire the latter's well-developed physiques, with which they yearn to become more closely acquainted. No sensible person could object to this being so, but not one of the interviewees in this alternately absorbing and irritating film had the strength of mind to say so.

Martin Cropper

CONCERTS

Bournemouth SO/Barshai
Colston Hall, Bristol

How much do we really know about music in the Soviet Union? Are there many more composers like Alexander Lokshin who preferred voluntary obscurity to compromise with Socialist Realism? All the more fortunate, then, that Lokshin should turn out to be a genuinely interesting figure.

No doubt about how his First Symphony, "Requiem", would have been officially labelled, even in the slightly less intolerant atmosphere of the late 1950s. If Shostakovich and Myaskovsky could be "formalist", then Lokshin's symphony, with its closely worked motivic processes and highly ambivalent attitude to tonality (not to mention its gloomy liturgical text) would have drained the vocabulary of official invective to the full.

But despite the inclusion of the *Dies Irae* text, with its promises of violent retribution for evil, the symphony is not primarily a song of outrage or defiance. Passion and violence flare up occasionally — sometimes recalling Mahler, sometimes suggesting the Britten of the *War Requiem* — but on the whole the emotions seem to simmer beneath the surface rather than boil over.

A lot depends on the performance though, and while Rudolf Barshai shaped and paced the work with obvious conviction, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Chorus did not always sound ideally committed: Lokshin's tightly chromatic choral writing probably should not sound as dispirited as this.

There was rather more spirit in Misha Dichter's reading of Beethoven's Emperor Concerto; not a heaven-storming performance, but with moments of muscular power to balance the poetry and inwardness. Perhaps Dichter could have been a little less generous in his use of the sustaining pedal, for are such doubts merely the result of over-exposure to period instruments? The Bristol audience seemed to love it.

Stephen Johnson

LS/Zagrosek
Queen Elizabeth Hall

To mix metaphors from George Antheil and chocolate, this was a programme featuring three bad boys of music and two good ones: Mark-Anthony Turnage's marvellous *On All Fours*, at once fastidious and corrupt, was well placed between Stravinsky's quirky set of miniatures for string quartet and Weill's *Little Threepenny Music*, and the pairing of Robert Saxton's Chamber Symphony with Schoenberg's in E major must have seemed inevitable.

But the contrast between the wild and the well-behaved was by no means total. Lothar Zagrosek, conducting, found some dynamic things to say in the Saxton in particular: there were trenchant bursts from clarinet, trumpet and percussion, and the fast music was exhilaratingly unstoppable. Perhaps one was still left feeling that the formal coherence was too neat, too safely built with arpeggio figures at the expense of more complicated material, but it is hard to criticize Saxton for not being Mozart when he does such a splendid, assured and amiable job of being Haydn.

The Turnage again, a post-Baroque suite that will surely prove as characteristic of this decade as Weill's similar offering is of the 1920s, also had a strongly extrovert performance, with John Harle and Christopher van Kampen excellent. Harle was also useful in the Weill, where again there was zest and purposeful attack. In the Stravinsky pieces, though, the Sinfonietta quartet were right on target.

Paul Griffiths

A masterly reversal

THEATRE

Harlequinade/ The Browning Version/
Royalty

Not the least winning feature in his fine revival of Rattigan's 1948 double-bill is Tim Luscombe's decision to reverse the playing order.

Hitherto (as in the 1980 National Theatre production), we start with the lacerating story of Andrew Crocker-Harris's marital and professional defeat, and then witness the repressed public school company letting their hair down in a cheery backstage farce, like an end-of-term show. First an emotionally draining masterpiece, and then a harmless bit of fun to send the customers off in a good mood.

Switch the order, and a statement emerges. *Harlequinade*, wherein an actor-managerial troupe battle their way through rehearsing a superannuated *Romeo and Juliet* beset by importunate visitors from the ordinary world, all of whom (including the General Strike) get translated into thespian terms, delivers the old joke on the incurable staginess of the acting profession.

The curtain then goes up on *The Browning Version* which demonstrates in no uncertain terms that the theatre — even through the supposedly life-denying artificiality of the well-made play — can do *exemplary justice to the pain* and confusion of ordinary people who would be tongue-tied if life ever offered them a balcony scene.

Paul Eddington and Dorothy Tutin, leading the desperate opening revels, wring the last drop of absurdity out of barnstorming Gosports ("I'm your daughter and you're my Dad", shrieks one of the invaders. "What text are you using?" Eddington, severely, peering over the bifocals under his juvenile wig). At the same time, though, Eddington radiates the authority and Tutin the seductive enchantment to convince you that they would have got Festival of Britain bookings.



Contemptuous: but Millie (Dorothy Tutin) is another victim

Even when you know what is coming, it is a shock to see this expansive pair shrivelling into the wretched Crocker-Harrises, exchanging monosyllabic shots across the marital wasteland.

Like Geraldine McEwan in the National version, Miss Tutin reclaims the wife from the open cruelty and snobbishness with which Jean Kent lastingly tarnished the role in the Redgrave film.

As Tutin plays it, Millie is as much a victim as her wretched husband. The only difference between them is one of *imagination. He can see her* predicament as clearly as his own: she can only see things from her own frustrated viewpoint; and her humiliated appeals to the patronizing colleague who occasionally gives her a night in bed (John Duttine) are as sympathetically distressing as her flinty contempt for her husband, and her casual destruction of the one gesture that has touched his heart, make her hateful.

In either case, the underemphasis on her grand relations and social display allows the character's cruel reality to come into unobstructed focus.

Eddington's Crocker-Harris is the latest of his variations of crumbling authority figures. This time he presents a man who has every reason for a total loss of self-respect who, from innate decency and the wisdom of scholarship, has managed to preserve an indestructibly stoical centre.

His stance, almost at attention but with bowed head, signals his attitude to the *world which has given*, and is going to give him, nothing.

The moment where he does collapse, at the gift of the book from one of his supposedly derisive boys, comes with the weight of years of pent-up feeling. Eddington's recovery from that to the wintry self-analysis of the final scene is at once a tribute to — and a devastating verdict on — the English stiff upper lip. A masterly performance.

Irving Wardle

Mary Stuart
Playhouse, Salisbury

Contemporary writers have staked a claim to be dramatists of episodes in British *history, but the only certain* master worker in the field since the death of Shakespeare is Schiller. No Elizabethan dramatist would have dared tackle so explosive a theme as their Queen's desperate dithering over what to do with her imprisoned cousin; and 200 years later, Schiller's English contemporaries were dramatic incompetents.

So it is to the German that we turn for the drama of this contest between the two queens: Mary — designated, like the Cavalier troops of her grandson, wrong but romantic — and Elizabeth, right but just a little repulsive. Only a little, because while she *turns on the hapless* servant who carries out her bidding, it is her character that Schiller manages to penetrate: flirtatious, vacillating, vain.

The meeting between the two is unhistorical, and 19th century English critics rabbited on about the author's error, blinding themselves to the artful introduction of motives that take Elizabeth out to Fotheringay to see the famed beauty for herself. *Curiosity takes her, and Philippa Urquhart gives a sensible account of a flirty woman neurotically uncertain of her ability to hold on to her position, whether as a desirable woman or competent Queen. It is not the Virgin Queen of popular legend but she makes Schiller's version consistent within its narrow field.*

What she does not reach, and nor does Mary McCusker's deep-voiced, Frenchified *Mary, is the essential tragic note. Early in the play, Mary sees an accusing Darnley in a vision; likewise, Elizabeth cries out against a black mist of despair. I could not believe either of them was seeing anything.*

David Horlock's production uses the wide, deep stage inventively, placing the queens almost always near the centre with attendant lords between them and the walls. Less happy is Claire Luckham's colloquial translation and its frequent clichés. With a nod to *Macbeth* which turns to banality, Elizabeth mutters: "If they went, then it is done, it is finished. I hope I made the right decision."

Jeremy Kingston



CHESS

Invincible man

Continuing my series on Capablanca, whose centenary year this is, it is worth recalling that no other champion of the world has ever been surrounded with such an aura of invicibility as the Cuban genius; even Lasker and Alekhine, though both enjoyed extremely long periods of success, did not possess such a seeming armour of impenetrability. Indeed, when Capablanca became world champion by defeating Lasker in their 1921 match he won four games, drew 10 and lost none. No player before or since, in the years of official world title contests since 1886, has repeated this feat of completely avoiding loss in the event which gained him the supreme title.

The perceptive Richard Reti (just about the only major critic who predicted that Capa would lose to Alekhine in 1927) had this to say of Capablanca's legendary technique, soon after the Cuban won the title from Lasker: "Capablanca is the chess master in whose game is incorporated the spirit of modern times. We see in his games the same magnificence, the same intensity of effect and the same precision as in the marvellous works of modern technique, and therefore Capablanca is the representative master of today and it is no accident that he has become world champion."

Here is a little known win by Capa against a future champion. It shows Capa's fighting spirit to great advantage.

White: Botvinnik; Black: Capablanca.
Moscow 1936, Reti Opening.

1 Nf3	Nf6	2 c4	e6
3 g3	b6	4 Bg2	Bb7
5 0-0	c5	6 b3	Nc6
7 Bb2	Be7	8 Nc3	0-0
9 d4	Nxd4	10 Nxd4	Bxg2
11 Kxg2	cxd4	12 Qxd4	Qc7
13 e4	Rad8	14 Rad1	Qb7
15 f3	Ne8	16 Rd2	f5
17 Rfd1	Bg5	18 Rd3	

With an impressive space advantage Botvinnik refuses to be lured into 18 f4 Bf6 when e4-e5 is unplayable.

18 ... Bf6 19 e5 Be7
20 Qf2 Rf7

20 ... g5, planning ... g4 comes into consideration.

21 Qd2 Bb4 22 a3 Bf8
23 Ne2 Nc7 24 Nf4 g6
25 h4

If 25 Nh5 Black parries with the simple 25 ... Be7.

25 ... h5?

Under great stress Black commits an error. He should be able to hold on with 25 ... Bh6.

26 cxb5 Qxb5

If 26 ... Nxb5 Nxe6.

27 Re1 Qb7

If 27 ... Rc8 28 Rdc3 Qb7 29 Qc2 wins.

28 Rxc7 Qxc7 29 Nxe6 dxe6
30 Rxd8

With an extra pawn and the better placed pieces the win should be straight forward.

30 ... f4 31 g4 Qe7
32 Kh3 Qb7 33 Qd3 Kg7
34 b4 a5 35 b5 e4
36 g5 Bc5 37 Rd5?

This should have been prepared with 37 Kg4 and 38 Qc4.

37 ... Bxd6 38 exd6+ Kf8
39 Bh6?

Much better is 39 Qc3 Ke8 40 Qc6+ Rd7 41 Be5 with a draw. After the move played Black sets about trying to win.

39 ... Ke8 40 Be7 Rf5
41 Qc3 Kd7 42 b6 Qc6
43 Qg7

A desperate counterattack.

43 ... Qxf3+ 44 Kh2 Qg3+
45 Kh1 Qxh4+ 46 Kg1 Qe1+
47 Kh2 Ke6 48 Qb2 Rd5
49 Qc2+ Kb5

White resigns.

After 50 Qb2+ Ka6 White has no further checks. A tremendous recovery by Capablanca.

Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

Jamaica showdown

This hand from the round robin in Jamaica was potentially explosive, although there was no swing in our match against Pakistan.

Bermuda Bowl. Game all. Dealer North.

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♠ 7 ♡ J82 ◇ 63 ♣ KJ10864	N W E S	♠ 642 ♡ Q3 ◇ AK1092 ♣ 963
	♠ QJ1098 53 ♡ 64 ◇ Q ♣ AQ2	

When New Zealand played Canada, the New Zealanders bid and made six spades while the Canadians played tamely in four spades losing 13 IMPs. Brazil did even worse against Chinese Taipei. The Chinese made six spades while the Brazilians were defeated in the inelegant contract of four hearts. The Venezuelans missed the slam against Jamaica, but gained 15 IMPs when the Jamaican declarer unaccountably lost 500 in six spades doubled after a diamond lead and a spade switch.

In Britain's match against Pakistan, both sides reached six spades. The British declarer had an easy ride when West led a club. In the other room, the British West led a diamond. Unhappily East tried to cash his other top diamond, so declarer was home.

Can the slam be defeated? East's best continuation after winning the ◇K is a trump, which appears to leave declarer a trick short. But suppose declarer returns to hand with a diamond ruff, ruffs a club with dummy's last trump, and returns to hand with another diamond ruff. When he runs his trumps, West will be squeezed in hearts and clubs.

An alternative line would be even more infuriating for the defence. If declarer reads the diamond position, at trick three he can play the ◇J, forcing East to cover. South returns to dummy with a club-ruff and plays the ◇8. If East covers with the ◇9 or ◇10, dummy's ◇75 become equals, which declarer, by using dummy's heart entries, can establish to provide a parking place for his last club. And if East doesn't cover, declarer can discard his losing club while West, bereft of trumps, can only reflect what an unfair game bridge can be.

Jeremy Flint

● The London Festival of Bridge will take place at the Great Western Hotel, Paddington, from April 29 to May 1. Details from Marijke van Beeston, 46 Uplands Road, London N8 9NL (tel 01-341 4456).

REVIEW

The silent heroine

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Auber: La Muette de Portici. Anderson/Kraus/Aler. Monte Carlo Phil/Fulton. EMI 7492842 (2 CDs)
Bellini: Norma. Sutherland/Caballe/Pavarotti/Ramey. WNO Orch/Bonynge. Decca 414 478-2 (3 CDs)
Donizetti: Emilia di Liverpool. Kenny/Merritt/Bruscantini. Philharmonia/Parry. Opera Rara ORR (4 black discs)



The cynics recall Auber as the composer who wrote operas on themes that were treated more successfully later by others. *Manon Lescaut* and *Gustave III* (Verdi's *Ballo in maschera*) are among them. More charitable souls point out that *Fra diavolo* crops up from time to time — and there is, of course, the Laurel and Hardy film — that Nureyev not so long ago revived the ballet drawn from *Marco Spada*, and that there is the matter of **La Muette de Portici**.

The last has a place in the history books because the heroine of the title does not sing a word — how can she, poor thing, when she is dumb? — and ends by throwing herself into Vesuvius. But it also happens to be one of the first romantic French grand operas: five acts, spectacular stage effects required. And Auber writes some marvellously beguiling melodies, even if they are not always dramatically appropriate. Just how attractive they are comes out powerfully in this enterprising recording from EMI on two generously-filled CDs.

The high point arrives in Act II, when Alfredo Kraus pips out the barcarolle of Masaniello (brother of *La Muette*) and then is joined by his fellow fisherman Pietro (a rather plummy voiced Jean-Philippe Lafont) in a patriotic duet which, in 1830, is said to have stirred the citizens of Brussels to rise against their Dutch oppressors.

Another tenor, John Aler, carries much of Act I with distinction, and June Anderson obliges with some florid singing as the lady who befriends the Dumb Girl. Thomas Fulton gets lively playing from what sound to be quite modest forces. But the set centres on Kraus, who has done so much over the years for French opera. Just how much can be judged from EMI's new CD of arias recorded over the past quarter century (CDC 749335 2).

Decca's **Norma**, out this month, dates from 1984; presumably a little post-recording adjustment is one of the reasons for its delay. Joan Sutherland is not always happy in the title role, which she previously recorded 20 years ago. The more beautiful singing is provided by Montserrat Caballe, herself a Norma on disc, as Adalgisa. Pavarotti's Pollione is prosaic — but that, it can be said, is the part — and the most accomplished performance comes from Samuel Ramey as Oroveso. He scarcely sounds old enough to be Norma's papa, but it is a pleasure to hear Ramey's clear tones in a part too often given to basses coming up to retirement age. Bonynge and the WNO Orchestra after an unreasonably jaunty beginning settle down to give Act II its proper solemnity.

A brief recommendation for Opera Rara's enterprise in bringing out both versions (dialogue omitted) of Donizetti's **Emilia di Liverpool**. The sponsorship comes from the Peter Moores Foundation and with his family connexions with Liverpool — to say nothing of Everton — the opera was obviously irresistible. The work has charm and wild improbability in equal portion.

Yvonne Kenny lacks a little brilliance in the title role, especially in the Rondo-Finale Donizetti wrote in when *Emilia* of 1824 became *I eremitaggio di Liverpool* of 1828. But Sesto Bruscantini provides the Donizetti style and Chris Merritt proves he can handle this composer as well as he does Rossini. Note also CBS's reissue on CD of Donizetti's middle period comedy *Il campanello*, with Baltsa (MK 38450).

John Higgins

Wrong side of the bed

ROCK RECORDS

Morrissey: "Viva Hate" (His Master's Voice CSD 3787)

Everything about *"Viva Hate"*, right down to its childishly spiteful title, confirms an impression of Morrissey as an egotistical, angst-ridden wimp whose flights of joyless, self-obsessional fantasy are no longer subject to even a modestly restraining hand now that his partnership with Johnny Marr and the Smiths is at an end.

Never mind such self-consciously contentious material as "Margaret On the Guillotine", a song addressed to Margaret Thatcher which asks repeatedly "When will you die?", or "Bengali In Platforms" with its patronizing analysis of an ethnic group's supposed inability to fit in to British culture. These are just examples of Morrissey on the lookout for tabloid headlines to bolster a valuable cachet of persecuted notoriety while simultaneously boosting sales of his record. Of more interest is "Late Night, Maudlin Street", a pretty, seven-and-a-half minute conceit that is the centrepiece of the album. In lines worthy of Rupert Bear, the listener is given the benefit of Morrissey's impressions of moving home: "... And as we spend the last night on Maudlin Street, I say goodbye house — forever!" Like an overgrown child who still hangs on to a little square of blanket for comfort, so Morrissey's slow, warbling narrative clings to odd snippets of his emotional past as he recalls experiencing the first thrill of youthful love, or the insecure realization that he was surely "the world's ugliest boy".

Musically, *"Viva Hate"* is a slight concoction. The guitarist Vini Reilly from Durutti Column opens "Alsatian Cousin" with a momentary freak-out and contributes a sound like that of a wasp caught in a bottle during "I Don't Mind If You Forget Me", but is otherwise relegated along with the other musicians to a backseat, strum-along role.

"Viva Hate" suggests that Morrissey got out of life's bed on the wrong side. It gently bathes the spirit in a heady mixture of negative emotion, and offers no apologies for leaving a dirty water-mark. Naturally, it will be a spectacular success.

David Sinclair

An international blend

JAZZ RECORDS

Enrico Rava/Dino Saluzzi Volver (ECM 1343)
Zoot Sims One to Blow On (Meteor MTLP 012)

Long before "world music" became a fashionable category embracing West African princes, New York beatniks and Irish punks, Manfred Eicher's ECM label was quietly pioneering the collaboration of like-minded musicians from different cultures. **Volver**, in which the Italian trumpeter Enrico Rava and the Argentinian bandoneonist Dino Saluzzi lead an international quintet, is a mature product of the process.

Rava, one of Miles Davis's more gifted disciples, provides the most notable solo voice, perfectly projected by the unusual blend of Saluzzi's poignantly reedy squeeze-box, the Metheny-styled guitar of Harry Pepl (a Swiss musician who has previously collaborated with Jack DeJohnette) and the rich-toned bass of Furio Di Castri. The lone American is Bruce Ditmas, once Gil Evans's drummer, who ensures that the delicate ensemble textures never settle into static decoration.

The album's title is that of a classic tango from the repertoire of the late Argentinian singer Carlos Gardel, fused by Saluzzi with a theme of his own devising in a solo medley that is one of the highlights of the album. Bandoneon music may not be jazz, but *Volver* proves — as did a collaboration between Gerry Mulligan and Astor Piazzolla, Saluzzi's better known compatriot, some years ago — that they spring from the same instincts and make compatible bedmates.

There is no doubt that **One to Blow On** is pure, uncut jazz. An unexpected re-issue of an obscure 1956 session, it finds the late Zoot Sims at his incomparable best, fronting a flawless quintet made up of John Williams (piano), Milt Hinton (bass), Gus Johnson (drums) and Bob Brookmeyer (valve trombone). The recording quality may not be up to the state of today's art, but the saxophone-playing certainly is. Sims was the master of the art of relaxed concentration, and seemed never to suffer from an off-day.

Richard Williams

Four o'clock rut

PAPERBACKS

Tea at Four O'clock, by Janet McNeill (Virago, £3.95)

In a gloomy mansion near Belfast, a middle-aged woman finds herself living out the fag end of her genteel Protestant family life. As a child, Laura lived under the regime of an autocratic father; and her adult life has been spent, similarly, under the tyranny of an invalid sister.

Her personality has been moulded by the petty but demanding routines they have set up to occupy her time, and which have now become the framework of her life. Even now that she is alone and need no longer bring tea into the drawing-room each day precisely as the clock strikes four, the impulse to do so remains. The routine is a barricade against a sense of wasted life.

As George, the brother who has been disowned by the family, returns to visit his sister, he feels that the house is still watching him. "The blinds over the windows were like the heavy lids over his father's eyes, so that the glance beneath them appeared not to be direct but a kind of spying." It is a terrible picture of family guilt, occasionally illuminated by moments of sad humour and half fluttering hope. The author allows us to sympathize with Laura, but never to believe she can escape. Hers is a thwarted life which must fizzle out in a series of long expected defeats.

Busy About The Tree Of Life, by Pamela Zoline (The Women's Press, £4.50)

These five stories depend for their effect on startling narrative tricks. Huge and open-ended themes like love and death, the destruction of the universe, or the life of the imagination are squashed into various methodical frameworks.

So a description of what it is like to spend a day in the world of a housewife in Middle America is set out like an elaborate scientific experiment, giving the author the opportunity to look at familiar objects and relationships as if they were unfamiliar and unforeseen, and taking place in some universal test tube.

Another story consists of an assortment of historical disasters woven into a complex family tree, which produces at the end one single symbolic child. Pamela Zoline has an impressive range of information and she delights in improbable equations.

Anne Barnes

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Axe-Age, Wolf-Age, by Kevin Crossley-Holland (Faber, £4.95) 22 ice-bright Norse myths elegantly and simply retold.
Forever Flowing, by Vasily Grossman, translated by Thomas Whitney (Collins Harvill, £4.95) After 30 years in a Siberian labour camp, Ivan is released in the aftermath of the Great Terror, and learns the subtler forms of slavery in "freedom" outside.
Private Accounts, by Ursula Bentley (Sceptre, £4.50) Liberated, brash American feminist arrives in Switzerland determined to wake/shake up the smug, backward Old World
The Milagro Beanfield War, by John Nichols (Arena, £3.95) Toiling Mexican Americans versus profiteering white Americans, about to become Robert Redford's new film.

NON-FICTION

I Was A Stranger, by Sir John Hackett (Hogarth, £5.95) Wartime memoir of hair-breadth escapes from Arnhem, wounded, with the help of the Dutch, by literate general.
Madame de Pompadour, by Nancy Mitford (Hamish Hamilton, £6.95) Witty and charming biography of the greatest horizontal.
Renoir, My Father, by Jean Renoir, translated by Randolph & Dorothy Weaver (Columbus, £5.95) One of the best portraits of a painter and most delightful memoirs of a father ever written.
Voltaire, by A.J. Ayer (Faber, £4.95) Intellectual biography of the *pensant*, poet, playwright, explicating complex ideas lucidly.

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 24. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, March 26.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1518

ACROSS
1 Gap (6)
4 Japanese religion (6)
7 London financial area (4)
8 Tincture of opium (8)
9 Lighthouse body (7,5)
15 Canadian Maritime provinces (6)
16 Air intake (6)
17 Screw propellor inventor (4,8)
23 Lincoln state (8)
24 Poker stake (4)
25 Creeps (6)
26 Centre (6)

DOWN
1 Craftsman writer (4)
2 Results of catastrophe (9)
3 Game ragout (5)
4 Cheeky (5)
5 Boise state (5)
6 Bind bundle (5)
10 Unsophisticated (5)
11 Hurts (5)
12 Without frills (9)
13 Sound reflection (4)
14 Mecca pilgrimage (4)
18 Sea expanse (5)
19 US Civil War Union states (5)
20 Hazards (5)
21 Call for (5)
22 Northants river (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1517

ACROSS: 1 Petrel 4 Corona 7 Amos 8 Dogwatch 9 Tartler 11 Bored 12 Clint Eastwood 15 Phlox 16 Open air 20 Kirkwall 21 Opec 22 Endure 23 Divers

DOWN: 1 Plastic 2 Trout 3 Ladle 4 Cage 5 Ontario 6 Aphid 10 Latex 11 Bathe 13 Ill-bred Enlarge 14 Directs 15 Pekoe 17 Piled 18 Apple 19 Gale

The winners of prize concise No 1512 are: Mrs M. Johnson, Bramston Road, Shirley, Southampton, Hampshire and Miss D. E. Eyre, Molyneux Drive, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

SOLUTION TO NO 1512 (last Saturday's prize concise)

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DOWN: 1 Sift 2 Resources 3 Feral 4 Bruin 5 Cream 6 Matsu 10 Under 11 Inert 12 Bamboozle 13 Sunk 14 Hi fi 18 Neath 19 Uzbek 20 Ruins 21 Cents 22 Oven

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THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Pooh to Winnie

The forthcoming West End musical *Winnie*, starring Robert Hardy, has rekindled a bitter row over another attempt to put Churchill to music. *Churchill, A Legend in the Life and Times of Sir Winston*, a 2½-hour orchestral score by Norman Harvey Rutherlyn, has been unheard since it was given to Lady Churchill and thence the Churchill Centenary Trust in 1974. Incensed by *Winnie*, Rutherlyn's wife, Judith Rogers, has written to the Trust accusing it of neglect and demanding "amends for this insult and injustice". The Trust has replied that it cannot sponsor a performance because its charter confines it to operating its travelling scholarship scheme. Says the Trust: "There's nothing to stop them putting it on themselves."

For the record

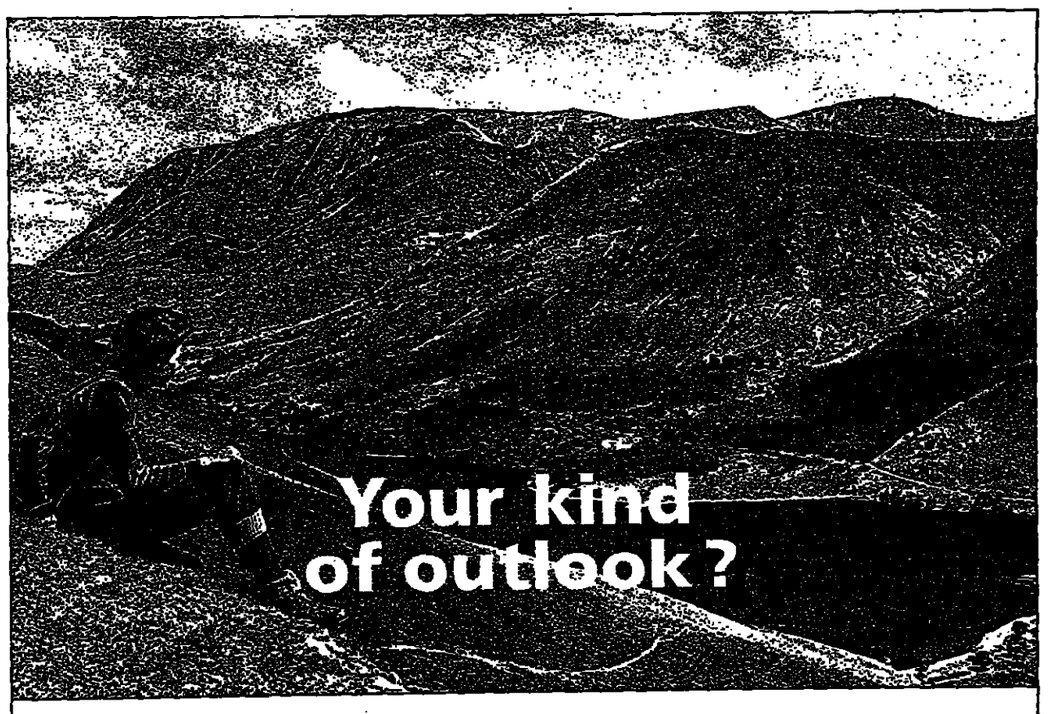
The rearguard battle by musicians for a blank tape levy to compensate them for home-taping is getting ever more bizarre. With the Copyright Bill going before the Commons next week, the Music Copyright Reform Group is holding a meeting in Parliament on Monday in which it will present music by Donald Swann and a choral version of the Government White Paper that rashly promised a levy. Because music cannot be played in the Jubilee Room, hired by Tory MP Michael Mates, guests will don personal stereos to hear Felsted School choir sing Graham Whettam's version of paragraph 6.6 of the White Paper, with its rousing lyric: "After giving full and careful consideration to all the opinions expressed in response to the 1985 Green Paper..."

● **Barbarian Vespers will be performed at St John's, Smith Square, next week. Barbarian? Musicologist Graham Dixon has decided that the so-called Marian Vespers were not written in Venice to celebrate a Marian festival, but in the Mantuan Court for the feast of Santa Barbara, patron saint of the Gonzaga family.**

Sweet news

After speculation that Rowntree Mackintosh might be pulling out of the controversial £10,000 Smarties Prize for Children's Books, run by the Book Trust, I hear the contest is safe. The news will pose a dilemma for children's authors who conducted a debate in the *Bookseller* last year over the ethics of entering a contest which encouraged readers to rot their teeth while they improved their minds.

Andrew Billen



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THE WEEK AHEAD



CONCERTS

FAMILY AFFAIR: Vladimir Ashkenazy, great pianist though he remains, spends ever more time conducting. On Tuesday, in a concert with the RPO, he leaves piano playing to his son Vovka, who is heard in Mozart's Rondo K 382 and Franck's Symphonic Variations. Apart from accompanying in these two works, father Vladimir directs the orchestra in Beethoven's Coriolanus Overture and Mahler's Symphony No 4, in which the soprano soloist is Sheila Armstrong. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191), Tuesday, 7.30pm.



THEATRE

FULL STOPES: Marie Stopes, the 1920s birth-control and sex education pioneer, is portrayed by *Susan Hampshire in Married Love*, a play by Peter Luke. Named after Stopes's book, which was condemned as pornography, the play, which spans the two world wars, also features John Moffat (as George Bernard Shaw), Clifford Rose and Moray Watson. The initial out of town run is to be followed by presentation in the West End. Yvonne Arnaud, Guildford, Surrey (0483 60191). Opens Wednesday.



OPERA

SEVEN VEILS: Stephanie Sundine, the Illinois-born soprano, makes her British début in Cardiff next Friday in *the title role of Richard Strauss's Salome*. She has been singing the role with considerable success in Canada, but much of her time has been spent with the New York Opera in the heavier end, musically speaking, of the repertoire. The French theatre director, André Engel, is also working here for the first time in this new Welsh National Opera production. Grand Theatre, Swansea (0792 475715), Friday, 8pm.



ROCK

SERIOUS BOYS: Morten Harket and his A-ha pals have quickly de-emphasized their pin-up appeal, preferring to be cast as "serious" musicians. But it remains to be seen whether a market exisits for pop hits like "Take On Me'.' Tonight, Showering Pavilion, Shepton Mallet (0749 82211); tomorrow, Cornwall Coliseum, St Austell (072681 4004); Tuesday, Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355); Wednesday, Bournemouth International Centre (0202 297297); Friday, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133).



GALLERIES

FACING THE FACTS: Emma Sergeant, seen above in a self-portrait painted last year, shot to fame in 1981 when she won an annual competition hosted by the National Portrait Gallery while still a student at the Slade School of Art. Both portraits are now on permanent display. More recently she has visited Pakistan to paint Afghan refugees, some of the resulting pictures being sold in aid of Unicef. "Faces From Four Continents" is at Thomas Agnew and Sons, London W1 (01-629 6176). From Tuesday.



BOOKS

SPARK – CON FUOCO: Muriel Spark's new novel, *A Far Cry from Kensington* looks back on the London of the Fifties, in particular on the vanished world of the genteelish Kensington bedsit. Thirty years on, Mrs Hawkins looks back on the remarkable inhabitants of the South Ken rooming-house where she then lodged. She also has a dig at the publishing scene of the period. Mrs Hawkins was the stout supporter of them all, and of the publishing house where she worked. Published on Monday by Constable £9.95.

THEATRE

LONDON

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT: Gwen Watford replaces Wendy Craig in Jeffrey Archer's courtroom *drama*.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue (01-734 1166). From Mon.

THE JEW OF MALTA: Alun Armstrong leads in a Stratford production of Marlowe by Barry Kyle.
Barbican (01-638 8891). Previews today (matinee and evening), Mon and Tues. Opens Wed.

LONDON YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS' FESTIVAL: Hanif Kureishi, Barrie Keeffe, Clare Luckham, Sue Townsend, *Benjamin* Zephaniah, Ayshe Raif, are among those involved. Aspiring 16-25 year olds will be attending.
Theatre Royal, Stratford East (01-534 0310) and Tom Allen Centre nearby.

THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940: Peter Farago directs Simon Cadell in a comedy-thriller which was a *hit in New York last year*.
Greenwich Theatre (01-858 7755) From Wed. Opens Mar 28.

RAPING THE GOLD: Debbie Shewell directs a cast including Trevor Peacock, Paul Copley, in the first play by Lucy Gannon to be fully staged.
Bush Theatre, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388) From Thurs. Opens Mar 28.

OUT OF TOWN

BELFAST: Hostage/Purgatory: World première of Lorcan O'Trasaigh's English translation of Brendan Behan's *An Giall*, original version of *Hostage*, in double bill with a Yeats play.
Lyric Players' (0232 381081). Opens Wed.

BRADFORD: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof: National Theatre production, with Lindsay Duncan, Eric Porter, Ian Charleson.
Alhambra (0274 752000). From Mon to Mar 26 only.

BURY ST EDMUNDS: Robeson – Song of Freedom: Leon Herbert and Vicky Licorish touring in a play about the black actor/singer; with 12 songs.
Theatre Royal (0284 69505). From Tues to Mar 26 only.

LEATHERHEAD: The Constant Wife: Sabina Franklyn, Nigel Williams and Peter Clay in the Somerset Maugham comedy of manners.
Thorndike (0372 377677). Opens Tues.

LIVERPOOL: Curried Chips: British Asian Theatre on their first national tour, with a double bill about Asian culture *in Britain*.
Stanley Theatre, University of Liverpool Students' Union (051 709 4776). From Tues to Mar 26 only.

CONCERTS

BACH PASSION: Bach's St Matthew Passion is given complete, in English, by the Bach Choir, ECO and many soloists under Sir David Willcocks.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc: 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 11-12.30, 2.30-4pm.

RARE BISHOP: Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich gives a rare London piano recital with Beethoven's Sonata Op 31 No 2 "Tempest", Brahms's Handel Variations, Ravel's Valses Nobles et Sentimentales.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc: 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 3pm.

ALL SCHOENBERG: The Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra, Pro Musica Chorus of London, London Choral Society and numerous soloists are conducted by James Blair in Schoenberg's two-hour Gurrelieder.
Festival Hall. Mon, 7.30pm.

RARE BAX: Bax's symphonies are too little heard. but Bryden Thomson conducts No 7 with the LPO, also Borodin's Prince Igor Overture; , and Boris Belkin solos in Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2.
Festival Hall, Wed, 7.30pm.

BACH MASS: The English Baroque Choir, Orchestra and soloists combine under Leon Lovett's baton to perform Bach's Mass in B minor.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tues, 7.45pm.

DECKER/PHILHARMONIA: Franz Paul Decker conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Rossini's Barber of Seville Overture, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (Ida Haendel, soloist) and Dvorák's "New World".Symphony No 9.
Barbican Centre. Wed, 7.45pm.

MONETTI MUSIC: Amedeo Monetti conducts the LSO in Mozart's Don Giovanni Overture and Piano Concerto K 467 (soloist, Mariaclara Monetti), Smetana's The Moldau, Mussorgsky's Night on the Bare Mountain and Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy-Overture.
Barbican Centre. Thurs, 7.45pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight and Mon the last performances of *Eugene Onegin*. On Tues and Thurs two performances of Tosca with Grace Bumbry.
Performances start 7.30pm. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: *Billy Budd* has its last three performances on Wed, Fri and Tues 29; Tonight, last Scarfe-designed *Orpheus in the Underworld*; Thurs and Sat Mar 26, Ian Judge's *Cav and Pag*. Performances start at 7.30pm.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

NEW SADLER'S WELLS OPERA: Start their tour of Noël Coward's *Bitter Sweet* at Aberdeen, opening on Tues at 7.30pm for the week.
His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen (0224 641122).

ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC: *Rigoletto* tomorrow, Wed and Sat Mar 26, and *Cosi fan tutte*, tonight, Tues and Thurs. Performances start at 7pm.
RNCM, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4504).

OPERA 80: Reach Ashington (Leisure Centre: 0670 814444) on tour with *Carmen* on Mon and *Il Seraglio* on Tues. Then to Darlington (Civic Theatre: 0325 486555) for *Carmen* on Thurs and Sat Mar 26, and *Il Seraglio* on Fri. Performances start at 7.30pm.

FILMS

MOONSTRUCK (PG): Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director prize at the Berlin Film Festival for this winning comedy-drama (nominated for six Oscars).
Plaza (01-437 1234), from Fri.

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED (PG): Last year's Christmas treat from the Spielberg factory – a story of harassed Manhattan tenement dwellers, befriended by flying saucers. With Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy; directed by Matthew Robbins.
Plaza (01-437 1234), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

HOLLYWOOD SHUFFLE (15): Spoofs and sketches hung on the peg of a black actor trying to get on in Hollywood. High-spirited, if patchy; written, produced and directed by its star, Robert Townsend.
Metro (01-437 0757), from Fri.

THE FOX AND THE HOUND (U): Visually glum but dramatically taut Disney cartoon from 1981, about the adventures of a fox cub.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011), From Fri.

PHOTOGRAPHY

WORLD OVER: George Rodger celebrates his 80th birthday with his show, "World Over" which charts his progress.
Metropole Art Centre, The Leas, Folkstone (0303 55070) until April 10.

CHRIS KILLIP: Dramatic documentary pictures of the struggle for dignity in life set in North East England.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Rd, London SW1 (01-589 6371) until May 29.

RADIO

TOWARDS METHUSELAH: Georgina Ferry looks at the enormous increase in life expectancy over the past century and asks how much longer the trend can continue.
Radio 4, Tues, 7.20-8pm.



● **The novelist L. P. Hartley (above) is remembered by his only surviving sister, 85-year-old Norah Hartley, in *Sharing the Fun*. Hartley was best known for *The Go-Between* (filmed by Joseph Losey) and for the trilogy *Eustace and Hilda*, which contains portraits of Hartley himself, as a studious but sickly child, and his strong-willed mother. Extracts from the books are read by Bernard Hepton. Radio 4, today, 10.15-10.45pm.**

GALLERIES

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION: Fifty Old Master paintings from one of the world's greatest private collections, presented by *The Times*.

Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). Daily 10am-6pm, £3 (concessions and Sun mornings, £2, under-18s, £1.50). Until June 12.

METAL AND MOTION: An exhibition of sculpture contrived from old car parts.
York City Art Gallery (0904 23839). From Today.

THE SCOTTISH SHOW: A major touring review of Scottish art in the last 20 years.
Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea (0792 55006), From Today.

JAZZ

LOOSE TUBES/ANDY SHEPPARD: Two examples of young British talent – the freewheeling orchestra and the astute West Country saxophonist.
Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061 834 1712), Fri.

BLOSSOM DEARIE: Last full week from the American cabaret singer whose cute vocals have won her a small but loyal following.
Pizza On The Park, London SW1 (01-235 5550) Mon to Sat.

BARBARA THOMPSON: A rare club appearance – with a trio – by the saxophonist whose fusion band, Paraphernalia is one of the biggest draws in the country.
Bass Clef, London N1 (01-729 2476) Sun.

ROCK

PERE UBU/THE MEKONS: Sterling double bill recalling the heyday of avant-garde new wave.
Tonight, Royal Court, Liverpool (051 709 4321); tomorrow, Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236); Mon, Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham (0602 476725); Tues, Venue, Edinburgh (031 557 3073); Wed, Riverside, Newcastle (091 261 4386); Thurs, Astoria, Leeds (0532 490362); Fri, International, Manchester (061 224 5050).

NEW MODEL ARMY: Post-punk champions of small-town England
Tonight, Bradford University (0274 733466).

SIMPLY RED: Mick Hucknall's blue-eyed, haircut soul.
Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

TELEVISION

ANOTHER BLACK SEA: Documentary on how the fishing communities of northern Norway are being threatened by the Greenpeace campaign against seal culling.
ITV, Tues, 10.35-11.35pm.

FRANZ SCHUBERT: A three-part dramatization of the composer's short life, directed by an Austrian, Fritz Lehner, and with a Pole, Udo Samel, in the title role.
Channel 4, Wed, 10.30pm-12.20am.

FILMS ON TV

THE BIG STEAL (1949): Robert Mitchum as an army officer wrongly accused of a payroll theft; expert and fast moving melodrama from Don (*Dirty Harry*) Siegel.
BBC2, Mon, 6-7.10pm.

THE WAY AHEAD (1944): David Niven and Stanley Holloway lead Carol Reed's story of a platoon of young army recruits getting their first taste of battle.
BBC2, Tues, 9-10.50pm.

LAMB (1985): First TV showing for Colin Gregg's film about the relationship between a teacher (Liam Neeson) and a 10-year-old epileptic (Hugh O'Conor) in an Irish remand home.
Channel 4, Thurs, 9.30-11.35pm.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Week at Birmingham ends today; next week Manchester. Programme today, also Fri and March 26, *Symphonic Variations*, *Penguine Café* and *The Concert*. Mon-Thurs they give Ashton's *Cinderella*.
Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486), Palace Manchester (061 236 9922).

NORTHERN BALLET: *Coppelia at Blackpool today, then a* mixed bill including the Lowry ballet *A Simple Man* at Bath, Tues to March 26.



● **Marian St Claire opens London City Ballet's first London season dancing the title role in *La Sylphide* in a gala performance attended by their patron, the Princess of Wales.Swift, light and musical, St Clair has been the company's ballerina since its foundation 10 years ago. The week includes several works, including a new ballet by choreographer, Istvan Herczog. Sadler's Wells Theatre (01-278 8916) Tuesday to March 26.**

Grand Theatre, Blackpool (0253 28372), Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 65065).

WALKS

LONDON'S HISTORIC DOCKLANDS AND THAMES: meet today, Tower Hill tube, 11.15am, £3 (also April 2).

UNDERWORLD LONDON – FAGIN AND FRIENDS: meet tomorrow, Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3 (also April 2).

CITY OF YORK: meet tomorrow, Exhibition Square, 10.15am, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LONDON HANDEL FESTIVAL: Booking for 11th festival, with Royal Society of Musicians 250th anniversary concert: plus works by Handel including *Apollo e Dafne*, *Theodora*, and *Joseph and his Brethren*. April 21-30.
St George's Vestry, Maddox Street, London W1, or Handel Festival Office, Francis House, Francis Street, London SW1 (01-828-6913). Booking also at Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1. (01-928-3191) (cc: 01-928-8800).

ALICE COOPER: Booking for concert at Wembley on April 7. Postal bookings: P O Box 77, London SW4. (cc: 01-582 1626).
Wembley Box Office, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

LAST CHANCE

YOUNG TURNER: Early work to 1800, first of series of exhibitions charting artist's development, including previously unmounted exhibits alongside better known masterpieces. Ends tomorrow.
Tate, Millbank London SW1 (01-821 1313).

ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD: Last performance this season by ENO of Offenbach opera, with designs by Gerald Scarfe. 7.30.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) (cc 01-240 5258).

ANDY GOLDSWORTHY: Photos of delicate sculptures made in Japan. Ends Sat.
Fabian Carisson Gallery, 160 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-409-0619).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Photography:** Mike Young; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

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NUNDINAL
(a) Pertaining to a fair or market, from the Latin *nundinae*, a market day held every nine *(novem)* days *(dies)*

PAGE TRAFFIC
(b) Advertising jargon for the estimated number of readers per page of publication, i.e. like most statistical projections a leap in the dark.

CATHISOPHOBIA
(a) Neurotic terror of sitting down, not a problem that floors me, from the Greek *kathizein* to sit, plus *phobia*.

PERIAPT
(c) An amulet or talisman worn about the person as a charm against disease or harm, from the Greek *peri* about and *aptos* fastened.

Surprise for Shanghai



Close encounters: Steven Spielberg (centre) with the stars of *Empire of The Sun*, Christian Bale (left) and John Malkovich

When Steven Spielberg and his cohorts went to Shanghai for location work on *Empire of the Sun*, they took three films from the portfolio to give their hosts some idea of his work. For the first time, film students, government members and the general Chinese public saw *E.T.* and *Back to the Future* (how did they cope with the time warp jokes about American culture?). But it was *The Color Purple* – the film with the fewest gimmicks – that audiences enjoyed most.

Like *The Color Purple*, *Empire of the Sun* is a serious endeavour. Spielberg uses his supreme technical expertise to propel a strong, thoughtful story rather than coast along on thrills, spills, grand set-pieces and cute special effects. The source material is J.G.Ballard's prize-winning novel, drawn from the author's childhood experiences in World War Two. The hero, Jim Graham, is an 11-year-old whose cushioned life in Shanghai's British sector is shattered once the Japanese army invade, following Pearl Harbour. Separated from his parents, he gradually learns the brutal facts of life, and spends most of the war in a prison camp. Tom Stoppard wrote the clean, unfussy script.

Spielberg is an old hand at picking young players – so many of his productions require them. But it took nine months and 4,000 applicants to choose Christian Bale, a 13-year-old British veteran of television and commercials. It was Jim Graham's character that initially drew Spielberg to Ballard's novel as a film project: "I identified with Jim's character. He's the youngest hero in recent literature, a survivor in a world that doesn't allow survival."

The cast is full of British aces. Among the other Shanghai residents caught in the turmoil are Nigel Havers, Miranda Richardson and Robert Stephens. Even Leslie Phillips, the roué of a thousand farces, turns up. But the key adult part belongs to John Malkovich, a rising star from the American stage with a laid-back style all his own. He plays Basie – the camp's self-appointed "commodities king" who educates Jim in survival tactics.

Spielberg kept his usual production team together, including Allen Daviau, who photographed *E.T.* and *The Color Purple*, and editor Michael Kahn. Composer John Williams is ever-present, too, heightening the drama – often unnecessarily – with soaring melodies with a wordless chorus or two.

Shooting took place in England, Spain and Shanghai – back-drop for the spectacular opening scenes of teeming streets, where Jim loses his parents. But for Christian Bale, no place seemed so wonderful as Spielberg's office at his company headquarters, Amblin Entertainment, in Los Angeles. "Disneyland was fun," Christian said afterwards, "but I liked Steven's offices more. He has lots of arcade games, and you don't have to pay for them."

While Spielberg buckled down to J.G.Ballard, Amblin pressed on with its usual commercial product. *Batteries Are Not Included*, in which flying saucers help beleaguered oldsters, gets its British release this week. Not one perhaps, to take to China.

Geoff Brown

Empire of the Sun (PG) opens in London on Tuesday at the Warner West End (01-439 0791), after the Royal Film Performance on Monday.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 **WALES: 5.15pm-5.20** Sports News Wales **SCOTLAND: 5.15pm-5.20** Scottish news and sport **10.05** Sportscene **10.35** Friends **11.10-11.40** Barry Humphries: This is Your Lunch **NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.55pm-5.05** Northern Ireland Results **5.15** Inside Ulster Newsline **5.20-5.45** Video Picture Show **12.40am-12.45** News and weather **ENGLAND: 5.15pm-5.20** London: sport: Plymouth: Spotlight sport and news; All other English regions: regional news and sport

ANGLIA As London except **5.05pm** News **5.20-5.35** Walt Disney Presents **11.05-1.00am** Film: Tigers Don't Cry.

BORDER As London except **12.00-1.00pm** Man From UNCLE **8.05-9.00** Crazy Like A Fox **11.05** Film: Touch of Scandal **12.45am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except **11.00am** Film: Parent Trap III **12.40pm-1.00** Sportsworld **11.05** Big Match **11.55** Film: The Liquidator **1.50am** Film: KGB – The Secret War **3.35** Rock on Central **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except **11.00am** Roxy 11.30-12.00 **Knight Rider** 2.15pm-2.45 **Rallycross** 4.00am **Company.**

GRAMPIAN As London except **5.35pm-6.05** Blockbusters **11.05** Meltdown **12.05am** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.35** Reflections. Close

GRANADA As London except **11.30am** New Fantastic Four **11.55** Cartoon **12.05pm-1.00** Man From UNCLE **8.05-9.00** Crazy Like A Fox **11.05** Big Match **11.55** Film: The Liquidator **1.50am** Film: KGB – The Secret War **3.35** Formula One **4.35-5.00** Meltdown.

HTV WEST As London except **12.00** Small *Wonder* **12.30pm-1.00** America's Top 10 **11.05** Nine to Five **1.05am** Suzanne Vega **1.50** Sledge Hammer! **2.20** Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except **11.00am** Roxy **11.30** America's Top 10 **12.00pm-1.00** Terrahawks **11.05** Kojak **11.55** Film: The Liquidator **1.45am** Film: KGB – The Secret War **3.30** Formula One **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except **11.00am** Roxy **11.35** Man From UNCLE **12.30pm-1.00** South West Week **2.15-2.45** Gardens For All **5.35-6.05** Blockbusters **11.05** Film: Cuba Crossing **12.40am** Postscript.

TVS As London except **11.00am** Roxy **11.30-12.00** Knight Rider **2.15-2.45** Rallycross **4.00am** Company, close

TYNE TEES As London except **11.00am** Roxy **11.30-1.00pm** Film: Blondie's Blessed Event **11.05** Cricket **12.05am** Meltdown **1.05** Poetry of the People **1.10-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except **11.00am** Roxy **11.30-1.00pm** Film: End of the River **11.05** Film. Wallenberg: Lost Hero **12.45am** Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except **11.00am** Roxy **11.30** Mr Martin **12.00-1.00pm** Man From UNCLE **11.05** Cricket **12.05am** Film: From Beyond The Grave **1.50** Meltdown **2.50** Jobfinder **3.50** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **10.00am** Dispatches **10.45** What The Papers Say **11.00** Mavis on 4 **11.30** Time to Remember" **12.00** Before the Law **12.30pm** Silents Please" **1.00** O'R Maes A Mwy **4.20** Scales of Justice" **5.00** Path of the Rain God **6.00** Right to Reply **6.30** Gallery **7.00** Pottery Ladies **7.20** Newyddion **7.50** Stumau **8.30** Elinor **9.05** Y Maes Chwarae **10.05** Golden Girls **10.55** Media Show **11.55** Badminton **12.55am** Film: He Who Rides a Tiger **2.50** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **9.00am** Pajo's Junkbox **10.30** Acbon Station Saturday **12.50pm** News **12.55** Sports Stadium **6.00** Angelus **6.01** News **6.15** Maibag **6.35** Down Here...With a View to Above **7.05** Highway to Heaven **8.00** St Patrick's Day Down Under **9.00** News **9.15** Dallas **10.10** Saturday 'Live' **11.25** News **11.30** Film: The Woman For Joe **1.10am** Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: **4.25pm** Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe **4.45** Wonderstruck **5.15** Film: A Very Special Flavour **7.05** Family Ties **8.00** Nuacht **8.05** Tina Breaking Every Rule **9.05** Time and the Wind **10.00** Brass **10.30** World of the Thirties **11.00** Mr Corbett's Ghost **11.30** Close

SUNDAY

BBC1 **WALES: 12.40am-12.45** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.30pm-11.05** High Spirits **12.40am-12.45** News and weather **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.15pm-5.40** The Sunday magazine **11.05-11.35** Inn Mesin – A World Apart **12.40am-12.45** News and weather
BBC2 **WALES: 2.00pm-3.00** Rugby Special Wales (Wales v France, England v Ireland)

ANGLIA As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** Link **1.15** Bicscopa Bygones **1.20** News **1.30-2.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.30** News **1.35** Link **1.50-4.30** Live Soccer Extra **11.45** Scrumdown **12.40am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** News **1.05** Central Post **1.10** Link **1.30-2.00** Here and Now **5.00** Mr Martin **5.30-6.30** Highway to Heaven **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.45am-1.10** Twilight Zone **4.15-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except **9.25am-9.35** Starting Point **1.00pm** Link **1.15** Les Français Chez-Vous **1.30-2.00** Enterprise South **3.15am** Company, close

GRANADA As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** Members Only **1.05** This is Your Right **1.35** Aap Kaa Hak **1.40-2.00** Link **5.00-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.45am-1.10** Twilight Zone **4.15-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** News **1.05** Farming Wales **1.35** Cartoon **1.45-2.00** Link **5.00-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.45** America's Top 10 **12.15am** Closedown.

TSW As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** Farming News **1.30** Fisheries News **1.40-2.00** Link **11.45** Kojak **12.40am** Sunday Review, Closedown.

TVS As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** News **1.05** Link **1.20** Action! **1.30-2.00** Enterprise South **3.15am** Company, close

TYNE TEES As London except **9.25am-9.35** Hello Sunday **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.30** News **1.35** Cartoon **1.40-2.00** Link **5.00** Duck Factory **5.30-6.00** Northern Life **11.45** 9 to 5 **12.15am** Northern Opera Sing **12.20-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** Ask Anne **1.15** Link **1.30-2.00** Advice with Anne Hailes **11.45** Crazy Like a Fox **12.40am** Sports Results **12.45** Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except **9.25am-9.35** Speedy and Daffy **1.00pm** Cartoon **1.10** Link **1.25-2.00** Farming Diary **7.15** Film: The Sting **9.55** A Fine Romance **10.25** Hot Metal **10.55** South Bank Show **11.55** Scrumdown **12.50am** Five Mouses **12.55** Jobfinder **1.55** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **9.00am** Hafoc **10.00** World This Week **11.00** 7 Days **11.30** Waltons **12.30pm** How Does Your Garden Grow? **1.00** Yn Ol Ei Droed **1.30** Dilyn Iesu **2.00** Film: Star! **5.15** Business Programme **6.00** Badminton **6.25** Chinese Theatre **6.45** Ordinary People" **7.15** Wil Cwac Cwac **7.20** Newyddion **7.25** Cadwyn Cerdd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.30** Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol **9.00** Hai Straeon **9.30** Sian **10.15** Nid Oes Neb Wedi Gweld Dim Eto **11.20** St Elsewhere **11.15** Twilight Zone" **11.40** Badminton **12.40am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **11.15am** Mass **12.05pm** Triumph of the West **1.00** Beethoven **1.20** Yogi's Treasure Hunt **2.10** Paradise for Birds **1.40** Room Outside **2.40** Black Island **3.40** Film: Animal Farm **4.55** Planet Earth **6.00** Angelus **6.01** News **6.15** Cosby Show **6.45** Iris **8.10** Tales of the Unexpected **7.40** Where in the World? **8.30** Glenroe **9.00** News **9.20** Sunday Night at the Olympia **10.40** Questions and Answers **11.35** News. **11.40** Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: **2.15pm** Live from the Met: Emani **4.40** Pajo's Junkbox **5.40** Hart to Hart **6.35** Marketplace **7.05** Newsweek **7.35** Nuacht **7.45** Bafta Awards **10.30** Sports Special **11.20** Closedown.

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SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

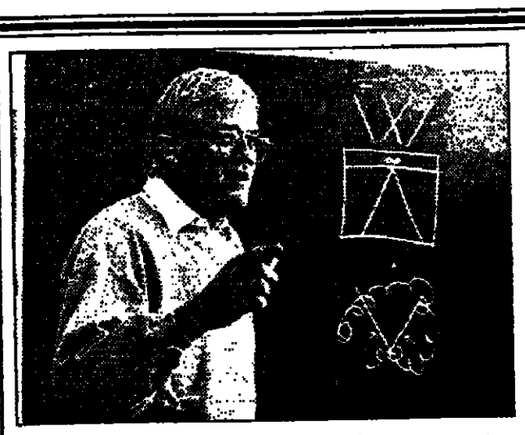
● The film director Max Ophuls was a master of the moving camera. So much so that his friend and twice star, James Mason, penned a little verse about him: "A shot that does not call for tracks, is agony for poor dear Max; who, separated from his dolly, is wrapped in deepest melancholy". Ophuls was also a master of decor. Put the two together and you have a man acclaimed as one of the cinema's finest stylists. Two superb examples of this style can be seen in **The Film Club** (BBC2, 9.15pm), introduced by the producer Lynda Myles. *Letter Fron an Unknown Woman* (1948) belongs to Ophuls's Hollywood period, the bitter-sweet story of a Viennese girl (Joan Fontaine) and her love for a philandering pianist (Louis Jourdan). *Liebelei* was made 15 years before, in Germany. Soon afterwards, Ophuls, a Jew, was forced into exile by the Nazis and his name was removed from the credits. This film is also set in Vienna and charts another doomed romance, between an army officer and the daughter of a musician. The woman is played by Magda Schneider, whose daughter, Romy, appeared in a French re-make in the 1960s.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE



Joan Fontaine and Louis Jourdan in Max Ophuls's Letter from an Unknown Woman, on BBC2, 9.15pm



David Hockney guides viewers on a journey through a Chinese silk scroll: South Bank Show, ITV, 10.45pm

CHOICE

● Tonight's edition of **The South Bank Show** (ITV, 10.45pm) is the best arts programme I have seen for ages. There are no interviews, no archive film, just one articulate voice talking direct to the camera. It belongs to David Hockney, who provides a narrated journey through a 72ft long Chinese silk scroll painting made around 1698 and showing a trip by the emperor through his southern lands. Apart from examining the work for its intrinsic merits, its subtle colouring and immensely detailed portrait of everyday Chinese life, Hockney also analyses the way it uses perspective and space. His point is that, unlike traditional Western art (illustrated by a Canaletto) — or indeed the television camera — both of which set a frame round their pictures, the scroll has no edges. Nor does it use conventional perspective; rather, it can make several shifts of perspective within a small area. The result is that, instead of being channelled in one direction, the eye is free to decide where to look. Hockney elaborates his ideas with blackboard and chalk and even takes off into religion and military technology. It is quite a performance.

P.W.

BBC1

6.45 Open University. **8.25** Saturday Starts Here with Corners (r). **8.40** Roland's Rat Race **9.00** Kissyfur. **9.30** Going Live! Includes guests Christian Bale, young star of *Empire of the Sun*, Jessica Holm with birds of prey, *Grange Hill* actor John Alford and Aswad. **12.12** Weather. **12.15** Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20, 2.20** and **4.30** Rugby Union: a preview of today's internationals and live coverage of Wales v France; and highlights of England v Ireland (in full on BBC2 at **4.10**); **12.30** Football Focus; **12.55, 1.25** and **1.55** Racing from Lingfield; **1.10** News; **1.15, 1.40** and **2.10** Ice Hockey: Whitley Bay v Durham; **4.00** Football latest; **4.10** Snooker: the Fersina Windows World Cup; **4.35** Final score. **5.05** News and weather **5.15** Regional news/sport. **5.20** First Class. Inter-school quiz. Sandbach meet Kirkland High. **5.45** Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Jimmy Savile has fixed it is a mother of four sons who wanted to know what life would be like with four daughters. **6.20** Film: Chisum (1970) starring John Wayne and Forrest Tucker. Western adventure set in New Mexico about a cattle baron who does battle with a corrupt landowner. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. (Ceefax) **8.10** Bob Says Opportunity Knocks. **9.00** News and sport. With Moira Stuart. Weather. **9.15** Cagney and Lacey. The two lady police officers investigate a case of suspected child abuse. (Ceefax) **10.05** Film: Dreamscape (1983) starring Dennis Quaid, Kate Capshaw, Max Von Sydow and Christopher Plummer. Thriller about a psychic who is helping government scientists who are trying to find a cure for the nightmares of the American president. Directed by Joseph Ruben. (Ceefax) **11.40** International Snooker. The closing frames of the final of the Fersina Windows World Cup. **12.40am** Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University. **2.45** Network East. Magazine series of interest to Asian viewers, presented by Shahnaz Pakravan, Sudha Kumari and Fatima Salaria. This week's edition includes reports on the Bangladesh general election and on President Ershad's decision to declare Bangladesh an Islamic state; the publication of three new Asian magazines in one month; and the Hounslow Arts Co-operative, a 10-year old Asian theatre group. Plus, music from Holla Holla. **3.25** Interval. **3.30** Stop the Wedding! A *40 Minutes* documentary about four would-be marriages that did not take place. Carol met her man on the Arsenal terraces but he failed to turn up at the church; Diane's long-distance courtship didn't work out as planned; Kate and George were half-way through their ceremony when the registrar stopped the wedding; and Sue's whirlwind romance ended on the ewe of the wedding with a knock on her front door (r). **4.10** International Rugby Union. Nigel Starmer-Smith introduces coverage of the game at Twickenham between England and Ireland. Whoever loses shares the wooden spoon with Scotland. **5.45** International Snooker. The first eight frames of the best-of-17 final of the Fersina Windows World Cup, introduced by David Icke from the Bournemouth International Centre. **6.10** España Viva. The last in the Spanish for beginners course presented by Yolanda Vázquez (r). **6.35** The Week in the Lords introduced by Christopher Jones. **7.15** NewsView with Moira Stuart and Philip Hayton. Weather. **7.55** Curlew River. Benjamin Britten's opera based on a medieval Japanese Noh play *Sumidagawa*, featuring Nexus Opera, recorded in Wells Cathedral during the 1986 Bath Festival (r). **9.15** Film: Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948, b/w). (see Choice) **10.45** Film: Liebelei (1933, b/w) (subtitled). Ends at **12.15am.** (see Choice)

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6.00 TV-am includes news and weather at **9.20.** **9.25** TT3. Children's entertainment **11.00** Terrahawks (r) **11.30** Roxy — The Network Chart Show (r). **12.00** Cricket. Highlights of the one-day game between New Zealand and England in Auckland. **1.00** News **1.05** LWT News and weather followed by Saint and Greavsie. **1.35** Wrestling from William Thompson Recreation Centre, Burnley. **2.15** Please Sir! Vintage comedy series starring John Alderton (r). **2.45** International Women's Hockey. England v Spain live from Wembley Stadium. The commentator is Gerry Harrison. **4.30** Walt Disney Presents a Goofy cartoon. **4.45** Results Service. **5.00** News. **5.05** LWT News and weather followed by A.L.F. Adventures of an Alien Life Force in suburban America. **5.35** Connections. Quiz game presented by Sue Robbie. **6.05** Catchphrase. Roy Walker with another edition of the phrase-guessing game (Oracle) **6.35** Bobby Davro's TV Weekly. The guests are Richard Vernon, Ray Alan and Arthur Mullard **7.05** You Bet! Game show introduced by Bruce Forsyth. His guests are Ross Davidson, Jimmy Hill, Lynsey de Paul and Ellis Ward. **8.05** Murder, She Wrote: Murder in a Minor Key. Jessica helps three college graduates who become mixed up in intrigue and murder. **9.00** News **9.15** LWT Weather. **9.20** London's Burning. Drama series set in a London Fire Station. (Oracle) **10.20** Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel's guests are Robbie Coltrane, Sean Connery and Richard Harris. **11.05** Film: Night Partners (1983) starring Yvette Mimieux and Diana Canova. A made-for-television drama about two housewives who team-up to help stamp out crime. Directed by Noel Nosseck. **1.00** Night Network includes music from Tony Stone. **4.00** American College Football. South Carolina v Nebraska. **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

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9.30 Old Country (r). **10.00** 4 What It's Worth (r). **10.30** Film: Million Dollar Mermaid (1952) starring Esther Williams. A fictionalized biography of Australian-born Annette Kellerman, a 1920s swimming star. Directed by Mervyn Le Roy. **12.30** Empress Wu. Episode 21 (of 65). **1.00** A Tale of Two Sisters. The story of Frances and Caco born in China at the turn of the century (r). **2.00** Film: Nancy Steele is Missing (1937, b/w) starring Victor McLaglen as a pacifist who kidnaps a munitions millionaire's daughter. Directed by George Marshall. **3.40** Film: A Window in London (1939, b/w) starring Michael Redgrave. A man witnesses from a train what he thinks is a man stabbing a woman. Directed by Herbert Mason. **5.05** Brookside (r). (Oracle) **6.00** Right to Reply. Claudia Milne's *The Lobby* is accused of giving a distorted and anti-Semitic picture of the pro-Israel lobby in America **6.30** Scottish Eye: The Bishop's Defence. A report on the threat facing state funded Roman Catholic schools in Scotland. **7.00** News summary and weather followed by 7 Days. Sister Pamela Hussey talks to Robert Kee about the need for peace in the El Salvador area and how it can be achieved. **7.30** Memories of China. Chinese chef Kenneth Lo revisits his youthful haunts. **8.30** Amen. Comedy series **9.00** South Riding. Episode 11 (of 13) (r). (Oracle) **10.00** Black Forest Clinic. **10.50** Film: The Comic Strip Presents. . .Didn't You Kill My Brother? (1987) starring Alaxel Sayle and Beryl Reid. Comedy about a twin who serves a prison sentance for a murder committed by his brother. Directed by Bob Spiers. **11.55** Badminton. The Yonex All England Open Championships. **12.55am** Film: He Who Rides a Tiger (1965, b/w) starring Tom Bell and Judi Dench. Thriller about burglar who becomes involved with a woman with an illegitimate child. Directed by Charles Crichton. Ends **2.50.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**; then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** **6.00am** Nicky Campbell **8.00** Adrian John **10.00** Mike Read **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Including **2.00-3.00** The Hit According to Jonathan King **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert. Featuring Was (Not Was) and the Silencers **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier. **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00** **4.00am** Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00pm** The News Huddlines; **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Rugby Union (England v Ireland, Wales v France), Cricket (New Zealand v England) **6.00** Tunes the Backers Whistled **6.30** The Seven Ages (Bob Danvers Walker) **7.00** Pop Score **7.30** Gala Concert (John Williams with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and singer Lorraine Craig). **8.30** Benny Green Meets the Prisoner of Zenda **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Dave Gelly **1.00** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty Four Hours **7.39** From the Weeklies **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.05** Reflections **8.15** Jolly Good Show **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Personal View **10.00** News **10.01** Here's Humphi **10.15** Letter From America **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Chain Reaction **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Good Books **2.00** News **2.01** Album Time **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Sportsworld **5.00** News **5.01** Sportsworld **5.15** English By Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty Four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Health Matters **9.15** Capriccio **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** News **10.09** From Our Own Correspondent **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** New Ideas **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Nature Notebook **11.30** Anything Goes **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Musical Masters of the Baroque **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: From the Lion Rock **2.00** News **2.09** Sunday Papers **2.15** Cannery Row **2.30** Album Time **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Yes Minister **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin (until 5.45).

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Calculus **6.55** News. **7.00** Morning Concert: Mozart (Cassation No 2, K 99: Vienna Mozart Ensemble) **7.30** News **7.35** Concert (contd): Quilter (Children's Overture: Light Music Society Orchestra), Elgar (Dream Children: Pettinger, piano), Adam (Variations on Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman: Gruberova, soprano and Stuggart RSO), Dohnanyi (Variations on Nursery Song: Schiff, piano, with Chicago SO) **8.30** News **8.35** Bach Cantatas: Nos 168 and 33. With Steinitz Bach Players, London Bach Society Choir, and soloists Argenta, Cable, Morton and George **9.15** The Week on 3: trailers **9.30** Saturday Review: Includes Christopher Headington's guide to recordings of Schumann's Violin Sonatas. Plus recordings of Tchaikovsky's Suite No 1, Op 43 (USSR Academic SO), Strauss's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme suite (ECO), Verdi's Tu che le vanità conoscesti del mondo, Don Carlos: (Vanass, soprano, with British Concert Orchestra), and Bellini's Oh, s'io potessi . . .Col sorriso d'innocenza, il parata (Callas with Amsterdam Concertgebouw) **1.00** News bulletin **1.05** Taking Issue: with Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's, and Sir Peter Wakefield, of the National Art Collection Fund (r) **1.30** Schubert from Hohenems: Piano Trios in B flat, D 898 and E flat, D 897 (Schiff, Shiokawa and Hagen); and Sonatina in A minor, D 385 **2.45** From the 87 Proms: Oslo Philharmonic under Yansons. Shostakovich's Symphony No 6; Strauss's Ein Heldenleben **4.25** Debut: Carol Smith (soprano), Malcolm Martineau (piano). Mozart (Little German Cantata, D 619), Berg (Seven Early Songs), Strauss (Nichts; Die Nacht, from Op 10) **5.00** Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton **5.45** Critics' Forum: topics include Shadow on the Earth, on BBC2; and Muriel Spark's book A Far Cry from Kensington. In the chair: John Spurling **6.35** Bach and Brahms: Allan Schiller (piano). Bach's Partita No 1, BWV 825; and Presto, from Sonata in G minor, BWV 1001; and Brahms's Four Pieces, Op 119 **7.15** Irving at West Point: Peter Barker reads an account by Bram Stoker **7.30** Mariner and the Academy: Chorus and Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Mariner, with soloists Elizabeth Gale, Krisztina Laki, Sarah Walker, Keith Lewis and Thomas Allen. Part one. Ravel (Ma mère l'oye suite), Charpentier (Te Deum) **8.10** Poetry Now: John Mole introduces poems by, inter alia, Roy Fuller, Lawrence Sail, and Martin Stokes. Read by the poets **8.30** Concert (part two): Bach (Magnificat in D, BWV 243) **9.10** Privatisation — Mark 2: talk by Professor Leslie Hannah, Director of the Business History Unit at the London School of Economics **9.30** Britten and Beethoven: Brodsky String Quartet play Britten's Quartet No 2, and Beethoven's Quartet in B flat, Op 18 No 6 **10.30** Equale Brass: with Gareth Stuart (electronics). Works by Tim Souster, David Bedford, Marcel Landowski, André Louvier, John Wallace and the Beach Boys **11.45** For Julian Bream: Bream (guitar) plays Walton's Five Bagatelles **12.00** News **12.05** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on FM **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News **6.10** Farming Week (Allan Wright visits Bedfordshire) **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **9.00** News Bulletin **9.05** Sport on 4: with Cliff Morgan. Includes cricket (New Zealand v England) **9.30** Breakaway: Bernard Falk with travel and holiday news **10.00** News; Loose Ends: hosted by Ned Sherrin **11.00** News; The Week in Westminster: Robin Oakley of *The Times* presents a personal review of the week **11.30** From Our Own Correspondent: reports from BBC reporters based overseas **12.00** Money Box: with Louise Botting **12.25** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Repeat of the comedy series starring Peter Jones, Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern and Bill Wallis **12.55** Weather **1.00** News bulletin **1.10** Any Questions? Joining Jonathan Dimbleby in Oxford are Peter Lilley; Shirley Williams; Gordon Brown; and Trevor Clay (r) **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; A Time for Age: Frank Gillard and Karen Mee set the scene for a week of programmes looking at life for the over 60s. **3.00** News; Sanctions: Play by David Caute, about white South African exiles living in London. With Barbara Jefford, Bill Nighy and Elaine Claxton (r) (s) **4.30** Science Now: presented by Alun Lewis **5.00** Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor meets J L Carr, the septuagenarian novelist, and publisher (r) **5.25** Week Ending: satirical view of the week's news **5.50** Shipping **5.55-6.00** Weather **6.00** News, incl Sports Round-Up **6.25** Citizens: Omnibus edition of The Cost of Living **7.10** Stop the Week: with Robert Robinson. Includes a song from Instant Sunshine (s) **7.45** Saturday Night-Theatre: All the Birds of the Air, by Jo Sheffield. Murder mystery, with Andrew Burt and Eric Allan(s) **9.15** Music in Mind: Richard Baker presents a selection of words and music **9.50** Ten to Ten: reading, hymn and reflection, led by Frank Topping **9.59** Weather **10.00** News bulletin **10.15** The Saturday Feture: Sharing the Fun. Norah Hartley remembers her brother, the novelist L P Hartley, and their childhood together. Bernard Hepton reads from the novel The Shrimp and the Anemone (s) **10.45** Writers on Blue Paper: International short stories: If it Isn't One Thing it's Another, by Kathleen Tudor. The reader is Patricia Northcott **11.00** Cabaret Upstairs (new series): Clive Anderson hosts a selection of stand-up comedy from the London cabaret circuit **11.30** Unnatural Acts (new series): Return of the sit-com about four friends living in the same house. **12.00** News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FM as above except: **1.55-2.00**pm Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options **4.30** Community Matters **5.00** Espana Viva **5.30** Get By in Japanese (2 of 6)

BBC1

6.45 Open University. **8.55** Play School (r). **9.15** Sunday Worship with members of the Corymeela Community. **10.00** What on Earth. . ? Wildlife quiz (r). **10.25** Business Matters. American and British inner-city dereliction compared (r). **10.50** Telejournal (r) **11.20** Greek Language and People. Part one (of 10) (r). **11.45** People First. The first of four films for parents of mentally handicapped children (r). **12.10** Sign Extra. For the hearing impaired **12.35** Farming investigates the safety and efficiency of BST — bovine somatotropin. **12.58** Weather. **1.00** This Week Next Week. On the eve of the black section's conference, Paul Boateng is interviewed **2.00** EastEnders (r). (Ceefax). **3.00** Film: Great Expectations (1946, b/w) starring John Mills, Alec Guinness and Valerie Hobson. Charles Dickens's classic about a young orphan boy who receives a fortune from an unknown benefactor. Directed by David Lean. (Ceefax) **4.55** The Pink Panther Show (r). **5.15** Fax. Viewers' questions answered. **5.40** Antiques Roadshow introduced by Hugh Scully in Sheffield. (Ceefax) **6.25** News with Moira Stuart. Weather. **6.40** Songs of Praise from Newland village parish church in the Forest of Dean. (Ceefax) **7.15** All Creatures Great and Small. The final episode of the series based on the books of James Herriot. (Ceefax) **8.10** Morecambe and Wise Classics. Ernie Wise introduces clips from the comedy act's best shows (r). **9.00** News and weather. **9.15** That's Life! Consumer affairs series. **10.00** Life Without George. Comedy series starring Simon Cadell and Carol Royle. (Ceefax) **10.30** Heart of the Matter presented by Joan Bakewell. **11.05** The Greeks Have a Word for It. The disappearing Greek village (r). **11.35** The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore visits the Yerkes Observatory near Chicago. **12.00** Network East (r). **12.40am** Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University. Until 1.05. **1.10** Horizon: Purple War — Limited War (r). (Ceefax) **2.00** International Rugby Special. Highlights of yesterday's games between Wales and France and England and Ireland. **3.00** The Yeomen of the Guard. Gilbert and Sullivan's opera starring Joel Grey, Geoffrey Chard, Alfred Marks and Elizabeth Bainbridge with the Ambrosian Opera Chorus and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alexander Faris. **5.00** Flamenco at 5.15. An Oscar-winning documentary short about a flamenco masterclass given by the Robledos at the National Ballet School of Canada (r). **5.30** Music in Camera. Anna Massey with the story of composer Lili Boulanger, ending with a performance of her *Du fond de l'abîme* by the New London Chamber Choir and the London Sinfonietta conducted by James Wood. **6.30** The Money Programme. **7.15** International Pro-Celebrity Golf. This week Lee Trevino and Sandy Lyle are joined by Jimmy Tarbuck and Tom O'Connor. **8.05** Discoveries Underwater: Prehistoric Man. Tonight's documentary examines how divers and marine archaeologists are discovering new facts about pre-historic man. (Ceefax) **8.55** Did You See. . ? *Holiday 88, Bookie* and *Ten Great Writers: Franz Kafka* are discussed by Waldemar Januszczak, Alan Whicker and Linda Agran. **9.35** Showtime at the Apollo introduced by Eartha Kitt. Among those recorded in 1955 are the Clovers, Ruth Brown and the Three Businessmen of Rhythm. **10.00** Film: Screen Two — The Silent Twins (1985) The made-for-television true story, written by Marjorie Wallace, of identical twins June and Jennifer Gibbons who have refused to speak to adults throughout their lives. Starring Shirley and Sharon Parker and directed by Jon Amiel (r). Ends at **11.35.**

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6.00 TV-am. **8.30** Frost on Sunday. **9.25** Wake Up London **9.35** Fraggle Rock **10.00** TT3. Children's entertainment **10.30** Follyfoot (r). **11.00** Morning Worship from St James' Church, Southbroom, Devizes. **12.00** Weekend World. Matthew Parris talks to the Social Services minister, Nicholas Scott, about the changes in social security benefits. **1.00** LWT News **1.05** Police 5 **1.10** LWT Action. **1.15** Link with practical advice on choosing a walking frame **1.30** The Smurfs (r). **1.45** My Little Pony. **2.00** Encounter. Ronald Blythe recalls the violent deaths of Christians during the reign of Elizabeth I and Mary. **2.30** The Big Match Live. Everton v Liverpool at Goodison Park. **4.30** Mr Majeika. Children's fantasy serial starring Stanley Baxter. (Oracle) **5.00** Film: Casebusters (1986) A Walt Disney adventure directed by Wes Craven. **6.00** Bullseye. **6.30** News **6.35** LWT News and weather. **6.40** Appeal by Sinead Cusack on behalf of the National Childbirth Trust. **6.45** Highway. With Sir Harry Secombe in East Cumbria. **7.15** A Fine Romance. Vintage domestic comedy (r). (Oracle). **7.45** The British Academy Awards introduced by Michael Aspel from the Grosvenor Hotel, London. **10.00** News **10.10** LWT Weather. **10.15** Hot Metal. Comedy series set in the newspaper world. (Oracle) **10.45** The South Bank Show. (see Choice) **11.45** DC Follies. American version of *Spitting Image*. **12.10am** Australian Heritage: The Reef. The coral formations of the Great Barrier Reef. **1.10** Film: McVicar (1980) starring Roger Daltrey. Drama based on the brutal prison existance of professional criminal John McVicar. Directed by Tom Clegg. **3.15** World Championship Boxing. Mike Tyson v Tony Tubbs. **4.15** The Lawless Years. **4.45** Fun in the Sun. Jet skiing and surfing. **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Movie Mahal (colour and b/w). Final part. **10.00** The World This Week. The future of the opposition in South Africa: and the Iran/Iraq conflict from a Kurdish viewpoint. **11.00** Gumtree. The story of *Furry Marmalade* **11.15** Helping Henry. Part four. **11.30** The Waltons **12.30** APB presented by Gaz Top. **1.30** Lost in Space (b/w). Episode seven of the 29-part vintage science fiction serial. **2.30** Film: Miss London Ltd (1943, b/w) starring Arthur Askey. Musical comedy about a London escort agency. Directed by Val Guest. **4.20** Film: Cameramen at War (1943, b/w). A tribute to the camera operators of the Allied armed services. Directed by Len Lye. **4.40** Gallery. Art quiz **5.10** News summary and weather. **5.15** The Business Programme includes a report on Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti's plans to take over a company that controls nearly a third of the Belgian economy. **6.00** Badminton. The Yonex All England Open Championships. **6.25** Jesus of Nazareth starring Robert Powell. The first of a four-episode drama based on the New Testament's life of Christ. Directed by Franco Zeffirelli (r). **8.15** The Stocks and Shares Show. **8.45** The Modern World: Ten Great Writers. In this final programme of the series Melvyn Bragg chairs a discussion on the 10 writers featured. With Malcolm Bradbury, Anthony Burgess, George Steiner, Hermione Lee and Julian Symons **9.45** Badminton. The finals of the Yonex All England Open Championships **10.45** Film: The War Wagon (1967) starring John Wayne. Comedy western about an ex-convict who hires help to take his revenge on the man who framed him and stole his gold mine. Directed by Burt Kennedy. **12.40am** Film: Up to a Point (1984) starring Oscar Alvares. A Cuban-made story of a scriptwriter who falls for a liberated woman — an Havana docker. Directed by Tomas Gutierraz Alea. Ends at **2.00.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
6.00am Nicky Campbell **8.00** Adrian John **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Sunday Oldies with Mike Read **3.00** Pop Of The Form (King James's Comprehensive, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire v High School of Stirling) **3.30** Backchat **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Ann Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** Ranking Miss P.
FM Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **5.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **3.00pm**). Sports Desks **7.02am, 8.05, 9.05, 12.02pm, 6.01, 10.02** **4.00am** Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies For You (Richard Baker) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **1.00pm** Good Neighbours Party **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Serenade (Langham Orchestra) **4.30** Cliff Adams Singers **5.00** Sunday Soapbox **7.00** The Good Human Guide **7.30** Operetta Nights **8.30** Sunday Half Hour (from St John the Baptist Church, Dronfield, Derbyshire) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Steven Miller at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.45** Book Choice **7.50** Waveguide **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** The Pleasure's Yours **9.00** News **9.09** Sunday Papers **9.15** Science in Action **9.45** Education Today **10.00** News **10.01** Story **10.15** Classical Record Review **10.30** Sunday Service **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** News **12.01** Play of the Week. From the Lion Rock **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Sports Roundup **1.45** Sandi Jones including at **2.00** News **2.30** Yes Minister **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Concert Hall **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Why Should This Happen to Me? **4.45** Letter From America **5.00** News **5.09** Reflections **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty Four Hours **8.30** An Observance for Commonwealth Day **9.00** News **9.01** Story **9.15** The Pleasure's Yours **10.00** News **10.09** Cannery Row **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial Review **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Letter From America **11.30** So Cities **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Religious Service **1.00** News **1.01** Reluctant Debutante **1.45** Virtuoso **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Peebles' Choice **2.30** Science in Action **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** Good Books **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** Letter From America.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Civil Defence Controversy **6.55** Weather **7.00** Sundry Studies: Guy Dagul and Danielle Laval (pianos) perform works by Czerny and Chaminade **7.30** News bulletin **7.35** Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Handford. Mozart's Symphony No 33 and Vorisek's Symphony in D, Op 24 **8.30** News bulletin **8.35** Your Concert Choice: Mozart (Concerto No 5 in D, K 175: English Chamber Orchestra with Perahia, piano), Glazunov (Symphony No 9: USSR RSO), Beethoven (Sonata No 9 in A, Op 47 (Thibaud, violin, and Cortot, piano), Cherubini (Requiem in C minor: Philharmonia with Ambrosian Singers) **10.30** Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes a visit to Salford College of Technology; and a discussion (with Nigel Osborne and Craig Raine) on their opera The Electrification of the Soviet Union **11.15** BBC Philharmonic, under Edward Downes. Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 4), Sibelius (Symphony No 1) **12.30** Words: talk by Nicholas Penny, Keeper of Western Art, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford **12.35** Violin and Piano: Gyorgy Pauk and Ralf Gothoni perform Prokofiev's Five Melodies, Op 35b; Lutoslawski's Partita; and Janacek's Sonata **1.35** Writers Talking: Paul Bailey in conversation with Muriel Spark (r) **2.00** Clarinet and Piano: David Campbell and Andrew Ball. Bax (Sonata in D), Hoddinott (Sonata, Op 50), Roger Steptoe (Two Impromptus) **2.35** I Puritani: Bellini's two-act opera, sung in Italian. Ferro conducts Sicilian SO and Chorus of the Teatro Petruzzelli, Bari. The principals: Katia Ricciarelli, Carlo Galfa, Juan Luque Carmona, Roberto Scandiuzzi, Chris Merritt, Ambroglo Riva, and Eleonora Jankovic **5.30** Violin and cello: Oleg Kagan and Natalia Gutman perform Honegger's Sonatina, Ravel's Sonata, Hidemith's Sonata Op 25 No 3, for solo cello; and Isang Yun's Königliches Thema, for solo violin **6.30** And Then There Was Us: Colin Tudge reports on a Cambridge conference on the origins of modern humans (3) That Animal Called Man **7.15** The Italian Concerto: Andras Schiff (piano) plays Bach's BWV 971 **7.30** BBC Welsh SO, under Bryden Thomson, with ladies' voices of Swansea Bach Choir, and Dong-Suk Kang (violin). Part one. Hoddinott (The Sun, the Great Luminary of the Universe), and Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor) **8.30** Starlit Corridors: Alan Bold's verse compilation about space and space travel **8.50** Concert (part two): Holst's The Planets **9.50** Bernard van Dieren: Edinburgh String Quartet, with Ian Partridge (tenor) and Jennifer Partridge (piano). The works include String Quartet No 6; Epiphanies; Schön Rohtraut; Love Must Be Gone; She I Love; and Dream Pedlary **10.50** Choral Evensong: an Eton College Chapel recording. With Andrew Lumsden (organ) **11.45** Heinz Holliger (oboe), with I Musici, perform A Marcello's Concerto in D minor **12.00** News bulletin **12.05** Wolf 88: Edita Gruberova (soprano) and Irwin Gage (piano) perform Erstes Liebeslied eines Mädchens. Ends at **12.10**

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday (religious news and views) **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause (the Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, appeals for the Prison Reform Trust) **9.00** News bulletin **9.10** Sunday Papers **9.15** Letter from America: by Alistair Cooke **9.30** Morning Service: from St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury **10.15** The Archers: omnibus edition of the Ambridge saga **11.15** News Stand: Polly Toynbee explores Britain's periodicals **11.30** Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard's selection from last week's television and radio programmes **12.15** Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is Maya Angelou (singer, actress, dancer, writer) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping **2.00** Gardeners' Question Time: The team visit Allesley WI in Coventry **2.30** Australia: Ninth of 13 drama-documentaries. Today: the Aborigines (s) **3.30** The Radio Programme: with Laurie Taylor **4.00** News; Northern Light — A Life of St Cuthbert: Rosemary Hartill traces the life of the Bishop of Lindisfarne **4.47** A Geordie in MK: The second of three tales written and read by Alex Ferguson **5.00** News; Down Your Way: Pam Ayres explores the Oxfordshire town of Witney **6.00** News bulletin **6.15** For He Is An Englishman: Autobiographical talk by barrister and historian Charles Arnold-Baker, born a Prussian aristocrat **6.30** International Assignment **7.00** News; Granny Goes To Sea: Recordings made by Faith Spencer-Chapman who was over 60 when she joined the crew of a tall ship to sail from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Toronto **7.30** Fear on 4: The Speciality of the House, by Stanley Ellin. Appetite-removing tale of a restaurant. With Paul Gregory and David March (s) **8.00** Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to the Jamaican writer Olive Senior (r) **8.30** I Didn't Expect Salad: Miriam O'Reilly talks to Dr Sarah Boyle about her romance with convicted murderer Jimmy Boyle which led to a prison wedding **9.00** News; The Cost of Discipleship: Elizabeth Adler **9.15** The Natural History Programme **9.50** Weather **10.00** News bulletin **10.15** Soundtrack: The story of Stacey who, through necessity, is a stripper **11.00** In Committee: Michael Fairbairn with news from Parliament's select committees **11.30** Seeds of Faith: Canon Frank Wright explores the theme of goodness. Tonight: Goodness as Integrity **12.00** News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FM as above except: **7.00-8.00am** Open University: **7.00** Maths Foundation Tutorial **7.20** Acts of God **7.40** Technology: Sound and Signals **4.00pm-5.00** Options: **4.00** An Uphill Struggle **4.30** Education matters **5.00** Get by in Japanese **5.30** Language Extra **5.45** Ganz spontan!

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3

Scenes from the Blitz in a Tehran under attack

From Nicholas Beeston, Tehran

Thousands of portable radios blared out the siren warning yesterday afternoon, giving the civilian population remaining in Tehran four minutes to find shelter before another salvo of missiles slammed into the suburbs.

After three weeks of almost non-stop bombardment from Iraqi batteries of Soviet-made Scud B missiles, the psychological impact of the blitz is beginning to show.

Millions of civilians have temporarily left the city to celebrate the Iranian New Year tomorrow and escape the nerve-wracking bombardment. For those who are left the days are spent snatching a few hours on the deserted streets to buy food before descending again into the subterranean world of the bomb shelters.

A warren of makeshift homes has sprung up in the four-storey Ministry of Heavy Industry underground car park. Hundreds of families spend their days there, living on carpets and mattresses behind the privacy of a sheet thrown over a clothes line.

The scene evoked the well-known images of a Second World War London Underground station, with restless children chasing each other along the cramped concrete ramps, women cooking on paraffin stoves and old men playing board games. The irony is not lost on the Iranian authorities, who have been airing newsreel footage of London during the Blitz with the message that Iraq, like the Luftwaffe, will be defeated.

Mr Khashayas Meman, aged 30, a civil servant, moved into the shelter with his mother after the second phase of the attacks began. "The missiles can come at any time and we live in a high-rise building. It is safer to be underground," he said. "The biggest misery is that Iraq has attempted to damage the morale of the people."

Before the missiles last month Tehran was the target of frequent air raids, but its citizens agree that the crash of the projectiles which shake the taped windows of every building from one end of the sprawling city to the other is much harder to bear.

Mr Kamal Kharrazi, head of the War Information Office, said yesterday that 98 missiles had been fired at Tehran, killing about 300 people. Iraq said it fired seven missiles at Tehran yesterday. Eight people were killed and 20 were wounded.

Bahrain — The Gulf "tanker war" erupted with renewed ferocity yesterday as Iranian gunboats attacked three commercial vessels and Iraq claimed two more air raids on Iranian shipping. A Japanese seaman was reported killed as the crew of the Maria 2, a Japanese-owned tanker, abandoned their burning ship.

Sheikh takes the reins as trainer changes steeds



Striking contrast in riding styles as Henry Cecil and Sheikh Mohammed launch their ships of the desert into the wastes of the United Arab Emirates. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, the third son of the ruler of Dubai and the Defence Minister of the United Arab Emirates, is a thoughtful as well as a princely host.

On the occasion of his top trainer's recent annual visit the the UAE to discuss plans for the coming season, Britain's most powerful racehorse owner took Henry Cecil on a leading rein as the party started an evening camel ride into the desert.

"About six months ago I dislodged a vertebra in my neck," said the man who has been champion trainer seven times. "Sheikh Mohammed thought my camel might pull too hard and aggravate the injury, though he refused to let me go. It was very kind of him."

As well as Cecil, Michael Stoute, Luca Cumani, Andre Fabre from Chantilly and David O'Brien, the Irish trainer, were all perched more or less securely behind their mount's humps as the group began its pilgrimage into the descending dusk. So too were Julie Cecil, Sara Cumani, Elizabeth Fabre and Brough Scott, all accomplished horsepersons riding negligently forward.

To my consternation, I too was beckoned forward by Sheikh Mohammed, and at a command from its white-robed attendant a camel crouched obediently on the ground. Clinging on desperately with hands and knees as the beast rose in two unsettling moments, I smiled bravely and wished I was back in Wapping as it started its relentless jogging.

Wild shrieks of primitive delight came suddenly from my minder as he spotted a camel sprinting riderless across the horizon. "There's a man training his falcons over there," our bearded leader said. "One of the birds probably startled the camel."

Shortly afterwards we must have turned for home, as my mount became even more lively. It bucked suddenly and twisted its legs sideways — and I fell to the stony ground from a great height for the third time. "Times man Bites Desert Dust," commented Scott unkindly.

Sheikh Mohammed rode over and peered down solicitously. "They get very keen when they're going back," he said. "I should give up and get in one of the Range Rovers." And so, in our separate ways, we returned to base.

"Our camels sniff the evening and are glad," wrote James Elroy Flecker about a legendary journey to Samarkand. On the night of Sheikh Mohammed's personally conducted tour of the sand of Dubai, your bruised and aching Racing Correspondent was relieved to leave the "ships of the desert" grazing peacefully in their compound and return to his hotel for a hot bath and bed.

Cause of avalanche probed by Swiss

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weekend, does not plan to meet Swiss officials conducting the investigation into the accident. He gave them a statement as soon as it happened last week.

Conflicting reports emerged yesterday from the Davos-based Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research as to who or what caused the avalanche which killed Major Lindsay.

Mr Albert Larglader, of the Chur District Attorney's Office, told *The Times* that allegations that the royal party caused the avalanche were "purely personal, private opinions."

The BBC early yesterday quoted the Institute as saying the royal party had triggered the avalanche. But Mr Bruno Salm, a section head at the Institute said the BBC report was premature.

"We have not yet finished our investigations. There are three possibilities. The avalanche was either set off by Charles's group or by another group of eight people which was skiing higher up the mountain," he said. "We have also found a single ski track on the slope but we have virtually excluded this. This could have been the track of someone skiing on the slope after the accident."

Sandinista cross-border advance slows

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the unspectacular landings of C 141 transporters.

By the end of yesterday most of the American troops had arrived. US military officials said they would stay for about 10 days on "emergency deployment exercises".

It was not clear yesterday whether the Sandinistas intended to pull back from their border positions. Honduran officials said Nicaraguan troops had penetrated no more than a mile or so into Honduran territory. The limited Honduran response was intended merely as a warning to Nicaragua to keep to its side of the border: there clearly is no sentiment in favour of rescuing the beleaguered Contras at America's behest.

Although there are no independent accounts of what was happening along the border, there is a keen sense in Tegucigalpa that the Contras have been routed and forced back into Honduras, although American officials insisted yesterday that most of the estimated 12,000-man rebel army remained active inside Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan onslaught has been concentrated in the Bocay region, the traditional crossing point for Contras entering and leaving Nicaraguan territory. The Sandinistas had clearly calculated that Contras fighting inside Nicaragua had run short of supplies and were heading back to Honduras in large numbers.

When Nicaraguan troops attacked, thousands of rebels were in the immediate border area, many of them without ammunition and low on food.

The Sandinistas and Contra leaders are due to begin peace talks in a small southern Nicaraguan town on Monday, but there were contradictory accounts from the rebels' political leaders yesterday about whether they would still attend.

Nicaragua clearly has had the upper hand politically since the rebels lost all American aid on February 29: now they appear to have added a decisive military victory over the demoralized fighters.

At Palmerola air force base some of the American troops have found sleeping space in wooden buildings known as CAT huts (for Central American Tropical), standing on legs 2ft above the ground because of flooding in the rainy season. It is now the dry season, the traditional time for armed conflict in Central America.

Other troops are packed into another area of the base known as "Tent City", with 50 men sleeping in each of the "general purpose medium" tents as they are known in army jargon.

The sudden arrival of so many men caught everybody by surprise. As of yesterday, few military exercises had been fully organized and there was demonstrably no sense of urgency or crisis.

High-tech specialist in surprise resignation

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

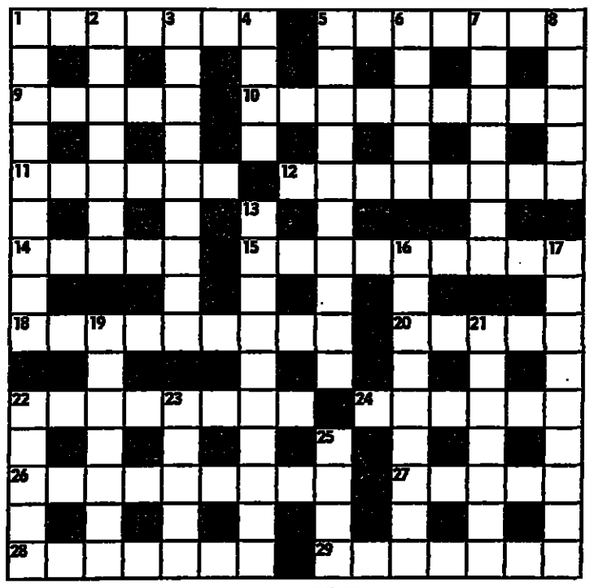
Professor Peter Hall, a specialist in the growth of high technology firms whose work has impressed Mrs Thatcher, unexpectedly resigned yesterday as chairman-designate of the Economic and Social Research Council. He was due to take up the post in summer.

Professor Hall, who combines research and teaching posts at the University of Reading and the University of California at Berkeley, is one of the first casualties of the new Treasury policy of forcing government departments to consider moving staff out of expensive London premises.

The council, which organizes grants for work in social studies, has been under intense pressure to move from London to temporary offices in Swindon, with a view to joining the other research councils in a permanent home there in 1990.

Professor Hall said yesterday the move would "compromise the agenda he had set for the development of the council's work". The Department of Education and Science oversees the council, whose secretary will take on the chairmanship while a successor is sought.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,621



ACROSS

1 Again sat and rested (7).
5 Sort of dividend to remit in loose change (7).
9 First digit shows the positions of entries (5).
10 Doing menial work for others when it's broiling (9).
11 Wriggle out of court order by the Governor (6).
12 Where the early bird is likely to be found (8).
14 Hybrid animal can about turn (5).
15 Bound to be confined to school with awful boil (9).
18 Knock opponent's ball outside because it's on the board (9).
20 Sailor loses his head acting as a doctor (5).
22 It would surprise Dr Johnson if this were a woman on her hind legs (8).
24 Steals some beer (6).
26 Urban dwellers or countrymen? (9).
27 Spur road (5).
28 Rats, not Reds, defect (7).
29 The source of Morris's news (7).

DOWN

1 Precipitate artist finishes in the lake (4-5).
2 Women commonly expect to become members of this club (7).
3 Ex's ground for divorce? (3,6).
4 Double fare for old bird (4).
5 Supervise candidates in exam — one may be leaving it (10).
6 Works cash registers (5).
7 Not against really Parisian clothes (7).
8 Doctor has to cock an ear to VIP (5).
13 Shakespearian schoolmaster makes us see plant among weeds. (10).
16 Her husband keeps going on courses (4,5).
17 The ornamental sword came with the Danes originally (9).
19 Searched for Adela in the Caves of Marabar (7).
21 Sudden change of mind about the cost (7).
22 Walker run over when facing the other way (5).
23 Name carrying little weight in church do (5).
25 He heralds the end for Old Jolyon! (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,620

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,615

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

NUNDINAL
a. Market
b. Everyday
c. A sea-nymph

PAGE TRAFFIC
a. Hotel calling system
b. Number of readers
c. Estimated rush hour flow

CATHISOPHOBIA
a. Fear of sitting down
b. Fear of fur
c. Fear of looking silly

PERIAPT
a. Inappropriate
b. A sort of fairy
c. An amulet

Answers on page 22, column 1

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: R Gallimore, 7 Howmic Court, Arlington Road, Twickenham; P Henry, Stonecroft, Sutton, Thirsk, N Yorks; Sir G Wardale, 89 Paddock Lane, Lewes; S K McIntyre, 59 Sheldon Drive, Wells, Somerset; E H Watson, 10 The Terrace, Hales Place, Canterbury.

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WEATHER

Southern areas and mid-Wales will be cloudy, with some mist or fog. South-west winds will bring rain later. North Wales, northern England and southern Scotland will have a cloudy start, with some rain, then bright and dry with a blustery south-west breeze. Northern Ireland and the rest of Scotland will be bright and breezy, with early showers restricted to the north and west later. Outlook: Dry and bright, with showers in the north and west. Rain spreading.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	c	Madrid	17	63	s
Akrotiri	18	64	f	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Malaga	25	77	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Malta	16	61	f
Amst'dam	6	43	s	Melb'rne	21	70	s
Athens	19	66	f	Miami*	21	70	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Milan	16	61	f
Barcelna	18	64	f	Montreal*	1	34	s
Belgrade	8	46	s	Moscow	2	36	c
Berlin	3	37	f	Munich	4	39	c
Bermuda*	14	57	c	Nairobi	28	82	f
Biarritz	15	59	s	Naples	17	63	f
Borde'x	12	54	d	N Delhi	27	81	s
Brussels	7	45	s	N York*	7	45	s
Budapst	8	46	s	Nice	16	61	s
B Aires*	25	77	f	Oslo	4	39	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Paris	9	48	c
Cape Tn	21	70	f	Perth	37	99	s
C'blanca	19	66	s	Prague	3	37	f
Chicago*	4	39	c	Reykjvik	0	32	c
Ch'church	15	59	r	Rhodes	14	57	r
Cologne	7	45	s	Rio de J	27	81	c
C'phgn	0	32	s	Riyadh	27	81	s
Corfu	16	61	s	Rome	17	63	s
Dublin	6	43	r	S F'risco*	13	55	s
Dubrovnik	19	61	s	Santiago*	29	84	s
Florence	12	54	d	S Paulo*	22	72	r
Frankfurt	8	46	f	Seoul	5	41	c
Funchal	17	63	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	11	52	c	St'kholm	-3	27	sn
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	8	46	c
Helsinki	-3	27	s	Sydney	22	72	c
Hong K	16	61	r	Tenerife	21	70	s
Innsbruck	2	36	sn	Tokyo	10	50	f
Istanbul	11	52	f	Toronto*	2	36	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tunis	20	68	f
Jo'burg*	27	81	f	Valencia	25	77	s
Karachi	28	82	s	Venice	9	48	f
L Palmas	19	66	s	Vienna	16	61	f
Lisbon	18	64	s	Warsaw	7	45	s
Locarno	11	52	c	Wash'ton*	8	46	s
L Angels*	20	68	s	Wel'ton	13	55	r
Luxmbg	7	45	s	Zurich	4	39	r

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.2	-	8	46	sunny
Hunstanton	6.4	-	8	46	sunny
Cromer	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
Lowestoft	4.0	-	8	46	bright
Southend	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Hastings	2.5	.02	10	50	bright
Brighton	2.0	.01	9	48	dull
Worthing	1.1	.01	7	45	cloudy
Lisshmptn	0.5	.01	8	46	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Bournemth	0.1	.04	8	46	rain
Swanage	0.7	.06	8	46	rain
Weymouth	0.8	.15	9	48	rain
Exmouth	0.2	.20	9	48	rain
Torquay	0.2	.22	9	48	rain
Falmouth	-	.51	10	50	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.61	10	50	rain
Jersey	-	.25	10	50	rain
Guernsey	0.5	.03	11	52	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.22	10	50	rain
Morecambe	6.3	-	8	46	sunny
Douglas	-	-	7	45	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Bristol (Cty)	0.2	.01	9	48	rain
Carlisle	7.6	-	10	50	sunny
London	3.6	-	11	52	sunny
Manchester	5.6	-	9	48	sunny
N'cstl-u-Tyne	7.3	-	8	46	sunny
Nottingham	5.7	-	9	48	sunny
Anglesey	2.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Cardiff (Cty)	0.1	.06	8	46	rain
Tenby	-	.18	9	48	rain
Aberdeen	8.3	-	6	43	sunny
Aviemore	2.9	-	5	41	bright
Edinburgh	7.7	-	7	45	sunny
Glasgow	6.9	-	8	46	sunny
Kinloss	4.8	-	6	43	bright
Lerwick	9.1	.09	3	37	hail
Prestwick	7.5	-	9	48	sunny
Stornoway	8.7	.12	6	43	sunny
Wick	7.6	.05	5	41	sunny
Belfast	-	.01	7	45	dull

* Denotes figures not available These are Thursday's figures.

HIGH TIDES

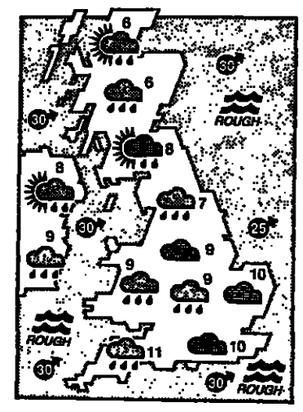
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London Bridge	2.26	7.4	2.56	7.6	London Bridge	3.05	7.5	3.36	7.6
Aberdeen	1.58	4.4	2.01	4.7	Aberdeen	2.37	4.3	2.43	4.6
Avonmouth	8.04	14.3	8.25	14.2	Avonmouth	8.43	14.4	9.01	14.1
Belfast	11.43	3.7	—	—	Belfast	12.07	3.4	12.27	3.7
Cardiff	7.49	13.2	8.10	13.1	Cardiff	8.28	13.2	8.46	12.9
Devonport	5.49	6.0	7.13	5.8	Devonport	7.29	5.9	7.49	5.7
Dover	11.49	5.5	—	—	Dover	12.07	7.0	12.31	6.7
Falmouth	6.19	5.8	6.43	5.6	Falmouth	6.59	5.7	7.19	5.5
Glasgow	1.30	4.7	1.47	5.2	Glasgow	2.10	4.7	2.29	5.3
Harwich	12.19	4.0	12.49	4.1	Harwich	1.00	4.1	1.28	4.1
Holyhead	10.57	6.1	11.22	5.7	Holyhead	11.39	6.1	—	—
Hull	7.03	7.8	7.04	8.4	Hull	7.40	7.8	7.45	8.4
Ilfracombe	6.48	9.9	7.08	9.7	Ilfracombe	7.28	9.9	7.44	9.8
Leith	3.11	5.8	3.33	6.0	Leith	3.50	5.8	4.05	6.0
Liverpool	—	—	12.03	10.2	Liverpool	12.25	9.8	12.42	10.1
Lowestoft	10.23	2.4	10.19	2.7	Lowestoft	11.02	2.3	11.01	2.7
Margate	12.27	4.9	1.10	4.9	Margate	1.07	5.0	1.49	4.8
Milford Haven	7.00	7.7	7.20	7.5	Milford Haven	7.41	7.7	7.58	7.3
Newquay	5.50	7.7	6.10	7.4	Newquay	6.31	7.6	6.49	7.3
Oban	6.33	4.4	6.47	4.1	Oban	7.08	4.3	7.15	4.0
Penzance	5.47	6.1	6.13	5.9	Penzance	6.30	6.0	6.51	5.8
Portland	7.49	2.5	8.17	2.3	Portland	8.26	2.5	8.46	2.3
Portsmouth	—	—	12.11	4.8	Portsmouth	12.41	5.0	12.54	4.8
Shoreham	11.59	6.6	—	—	Shoreham	12.25	6.6	12.41	6.5
Southampton	11.32	4.7	11.58	4.8	Southampton	—	—	12.14	4.7
Swansea	7.10	10.3	7.28	10.1	Swansea	7.49	10.2	8.04	10.0
Tees	4.29	5.8	4.33	5.9	Tees	5.05	5.6	5.15	5.9
W'tbn-on-Nze	12.08	4.3	12.41	4.3	W'tbn-on-Nze	12.49	4.4	1.21	4.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

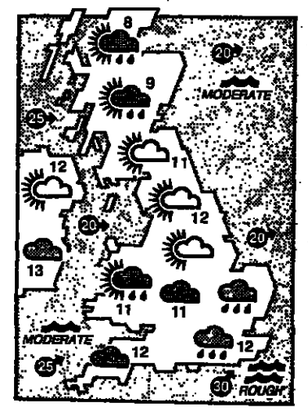
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	6.05 am	6.12 pm		6.03 am	6.14 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	6.27 am	8.33 pm		8.41 am	10.02 pm
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 6.42 pm to 5.33 am
Bristol 6.52 pm to 5.43 am
Edinburgh 6.55 pm to 5.45 am
Manchester 6.51 pm to 5.41 am
Penzance 7.04 pm to 5.55 am

TOMORROW
London 6.44 pm to 5.31 am
Bristol 6.54 pm to 5.40 am
Edinburgh 6.57 pm to 5.42 am
Manchester 6.53 pm to 5.39 am
Penzance 7.05 pm to 5.53 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.4hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1015.8 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	5	41	r	Guernsey	8	46	r
B'mingham	7	45	f	Inverness	5	41	r
Blackpool	8	46	f	Jersey	9	48	r
Bristol	7	45	c	London	9	48	s
Cardiff	6	43	r	M'chester	8	46	f
Edinburgh	6	43	f	Newcastle	6	43	s
Glasgow	6	43	f	R'aldsway	6	43	r

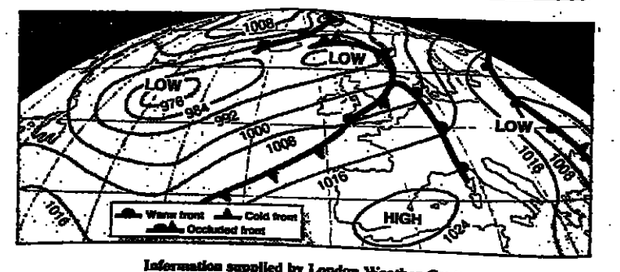
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Penzance, Cornwall, 0.81in; highest sunshine: Bridlington, Humberside, and Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 9.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3hr.

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by London Weather Centre

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.555	2.415	Italy Lire	2260	2250
Austria Sch	22.45	21.35	Japan Yen	244	232
Belgium Fr	66.95	63.65	Netherlands Gld	3.58	3.41
Canada $	2.37	2.25	Norway Kr	12.04	11.44
Denmark Kr	12.27	11.67	Portugal Esc	260	247
Finland Mkk	7.75	7.35	South Africa Rd	4.35	3.85
France Fr	10.82	10.32	Spain Pta	213.50	202.50
Germany Dm	3.197	3.037	Sweden Kr	11.32	10.77
Greece Dr	258	238	Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.52
Hong Kong $	14.60	13.90	USA $	1.895	1.805
Ireland Pt	1.20	1.14	Yugoslavia Dnr	2850	2250

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January) London: The *FT* index closed up 17.7 at 1475.9.

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1476.8 (+17.7)

FT-SE 100
1855.5 (+27.4)

Bargains
40559 (31986)

USM (Datastream)
151.08 (+1.49)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8225 (–0.0130)

W German mark
3.0855 (–0.0110)

Trade-weighted
76.9 (–0.5)

Guinness coup alleged in US

Iveagh claims attempt to oust him from chair

By Lawrence Lever

Allegations of bitter disputes between Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, and members of the Guinness family, including Lord Iveagh, the president of the brewing company, have been revealed in documents filed with a Los Angeles court.

The documents, filed by four members of the Guinness family, form part of the massive evidence that has been submitted for the extradition proceedings for Mr Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker.

The British Government is seeking to extradite Mr Parnes to face charges arising out of the Guinness affair. Next Tuesday's court hearing of the extradition proceedings has been postponed for two days after a request by Mr Parnes's lawyers.

He has been in custody since his arrest at Los Angeles airport last September. According to the court documents, his wife and children are staying in a four-bedroom, four-bathroom house in Beverly Hills, paying rent of $7,000 (£3,840) a month.

Evidence filed by Lord Iveagh details alleged attempts by Mr Saunders to oust him from his then position as chairman of Guinness.

Moreover, evidence filed by Mr Jonathan Guinness, still a director of the company, claims he was a lone objector to the investment by Guinness of $100 million in a fund managed by Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrageur.

Lord Iveagh's evidence states: "I had been aware for some time that Saunders' ambition was to take over the chairmanship of the company. . .

"In fact, he tried to dislodge me as chairman in August 1985, suggesting that I become the company's president. I absolutely refused and told him that I was not being pushed aside. In fact, emissaries were subsequently sent to me to try and change my mind.

"In 1986 I was precluded from attending two EGMs and an AGM. He (Saunders) spoke to me and said I should not attend these meetings as 'there must be a Mr Clean who has not been involved, somebody else who could take the chair'. I feel, however, that the main purpose was to precipitate my resignation."

Lord Iveagh, along with other members of the Guinness family, denies knowing about any of the invoices that were paid by Guinness and have led to criminal charges against a number of people.

In his evidence, Mr Jonathan Guinness alleges that his first real worry was in July, when the board, he says, was informed by Mr Saunders that five weeks previously funds had been invested in a mutual fund of Ivan Boesky. "I queried this and Saunders told me that we should not discuss this at this stage . . .

"At the board meeting I was the only person who queried this investment and found it highly unusual. The rest of the board raised no query."

According to Mr Guinness, Mr Saunders referred his queries on the Boesky investment to Mr Olivier Roux, the then finance director, who in turn referred him to Mr Thomas Ward, another director of the company.

"Ward gave me the following explanation: Boesky had such a good record that it was likely to be a good investment in itself. However, the main point of the investment was strategic, namely that Boesky would be on our side in any American takeover.

"He would also be available in defending against any predator. Though remaining doubtful, I went along with it.

"In early September I was rung up by Ward who told me that the Boesky investment I had queried had made 5 per cent. What did I think of that in three months? I said 'good'. One week later Boesky crashed."

Conflicting evidence continues to surface in the Guinness affair.

PBS UK operations unchanged

Prudential-Bache Securities is as committed as ever to building up a merchant banking operation in Britain, despite the resignations this week of Mr John MacArthur, chairman of Pru-Bache's merchant banking arm in London, and Mr Tim Holland-Bosworth, head of UK corporate finance.

Mr Peter Costiglio, senior vice-president of PBS in New York, said there was a difference in philosophy and strategy between Mr MacArthur and Mr Holland-Bosworth and top management in New York. The resignations were not a serious blow, he said.

Mr William Hulton, head of PBS merchant banking operations in Europe, will assume Mr MacArthur's responsibilities.

T&N sale

T&N, the engineering company formerly known as Turner & Newall, is selling Coopers AP Filters, its automotive filtration business, for £6.5 million to the British subsidiary of FIAMM Filters SpA, the Italian group.

Pirelli retreat

Pirelli has withdrawn from the battle for Firestone Tire and Rubber, after an $80 (£43.59) per share offer for the US group by Bridgestone Corp. Pirelli had offered $58 per share.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2098.31 (+12.27)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 25986.26 (+93.97)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2607.60 (+26.27)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 250.6 (+5.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1414.7 (+30.9)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1457.5 (+26.0)
Brussels:
General ..... 4918.6 (+65.7)
Paris: CAC ..... 299.2 (+3.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 465.3 (+4.2)
London:
FT-A All-Share ..... 951.46 (+13.1)
FT-"500" ..... 1047.40 (+14.52)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 240.9 (–3.3)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 97.49 (–0.19)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 90.30 (–0.21)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Jessups ..... 170p (+15p)
Honda Motors ..... 752p (+14p)
Lucas ..... 627½p (+13p)
HJ Quick ..... 280p (+15p)
Home Counties ..... 315p (+10p)
Independent ..... 400p (+25p)
Reed Int ..... 426½p (+9p)
Lex ..... 348½p (+8p)
Cons Gold ..... 937½p (+35p)
RTZ ..... 385p (+20p)
Tumbull Scott ..... 685p (+10p)
Stylo ..... 297½p (+15p)
J Crowther ..... 175p (+32p)
Lamont ..... 272½p (+10p)
Nat Aust Bank ..... 218p (+11p)
Young 'A' ..... 375p (+10p)
Sasa ..... 868p (+8p)
Midland Bank ..... 410p (+7p)
Lloyds Bank ..... 280½p (+8p)

FALLS:
SA Breweries ..... 327½p (–10p)
Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank $8^{11}/_{16}$–$8^{9}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $8^{7}/_{32}$–$8^{5}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds $6^{7}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.64-5.63%*
30-year bonds $103^{16}/_{32}$–$103^{17}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8225	£: $1.8230*
£: DM3.0855	$: DM1.6933*
£: SwFr2.5551	$: SwFr1.4020*
£: FFr10.4812	$: FFr5.7545*
£: Yen233.82	$: Yen128.23*
£: Index:76.9	$: Index:94.3
ECU £0.670808	SDR £0.743489

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $442.60 pm $442.85
close $442.75-443.25 (£243.25-243.75)
New York:
Comex $443.70-444.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) pm $14.90bbl ($14.48)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Opportunities for businesses of all sizes: Lord Young hands out advice at the start of the single market campaign yesterday

Young launches Euro-campaign

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has claimed that measures giving British products and services free range in a single EEC market should be the Government's highest priority.

Lord Young, launching the Government's campaign to make industry and commerce more aware of the implications of the single market, targeted for 1992, said harmonization in Europe will involve choosing priorities.

The Government, said Lord Young, does not see high on the list either taxation, such as value-added tax, or Britain joining the European Monetary System (EMS).

The Government has been criticized for not exhorting business leaders earlier about the 1992 prospects. But Lord Young claimed that by the time the Government's campaign is concluded at the end of this year, Britain would be ahead of everybody in preparations.

Lord Young said: "It does not matter whether we all have the same rates of VAT or tax. The priority is having similar products, like an electric plug that can be used in any of the European countries."

Lord Young said 1992 was the biggest challenge facing British business this century and added: "The single market presents opportunities and challenges for businesses of all sizes throughout the United Kingdom. It is essential that firms start their preparations now."

The campaign, under the banner of "Europe Open For Business", will be pressed home through a £5 million television campaign featuring business "stars" such as Mr Bruce Oldfield, the fashion designer, and Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad.

City encouraged by slower lending and rate prospects

Sentiment in the City improved sharply yesterday, encouraged by figures showing a marked slowdown in bank lending and the prospect of further cuts in base rates if the pound moves strongly higher.

The Bank of England's tap stock – Treasury 8½ per cent 1994 – was exhausted, and share prices moved confidently higher. The FT-SE 100 index closed 27.4 points up at 1,855.5.

The pound, after climbing through DM3.10 overnight, slipped back on profit-taking to close a a pfennig down at DM3.0882. It fell by 1.3 cents to $1.8225 and the sterling index dropped by 0.5 of a point to 76.9.

Sterling bank lending rose by £2.6 billion last month, after the record rise of £5.5 billion in January. Bank of England officials said the factors that boosted lending in January, notably opportunities for bill arbitrage, were not present last month.

But Bank officials noted that the stock of bank lending was still running at 24 per cent above its level of a year ago, and City analysts were not convinced the trend had changed.

"There is not much evidence that this fall in lending signals a slowdown in the underlying trend," said Mr John Shepperd, economist at Warburg Securities.

Separate figures from the clearing banks showed a bank lending rise of just under £1.3 billion last month, including a net repayment of personal lending other than house purchase, as people paid off credit card balances.

The M3 measure of money rose by 0.4 per cent last month, and showed a 20.4 per cent increase on a year earlier. The wider M4 measure, which includes some building society deposits and to which the Treasury gave more prominence in the Financial Statement and Budget Report, rose by 0.9 per cent. Its 12-month growth rate was 16 per cent.

Ironically, the authorities may be giving more prominence to M4 at a time when its growth rate will accelerate relative to M3, as building societies regain their share of the mortgage market.

February money supply figures showed a 0.1 per cent seasonally adjusted fall in M0, the targeted measure. Its increase on a year earlier was 5.3 per cent, within the existing 2 to 6 per cent target range, but above the 1 to 5 per cent range that applies from next month.

Statutory water firm faces £3m bid

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

A group of managers has teamed up with a private water engineering company to make a £3 million full takeover bid for the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company.

The bid is the first for a statutory water company since the water industry was reorganized in 1973.

Until now, statutory companies, while quoted on the Stock Exchange, have been allowed only to pay fixed maximum dividends on their share capital. But if, as expected, the water authorities are converted into conventional public limited companies, the statutory companies will also be allowed to convert.

The bid for East Worcestershire, which supplies nearly 300,000 customers in the West Midlands, is being made by a new company called Biwater Supply. This is 75 per cent owned by Biwater Limited, a private company, which made £5 million profit on £124 million turnover in 1986. The remaining 25 per cent is owned by a consortium of East Worcestershire managers.

They own 18 per cent of the East Worcestershire voting capital while Biwater owns a further 12 per cent. The water company's directors have pledged a further 3.6 per cent.

Biwater Supply is offering 260p for each of the 3.5 per cent ordinary shares, compared with a price last July of 57p and 125p in January, before Biwater bought its initial stake. The shares, which are widely spread, have moved from a pre-bid price of 220p to 255p.

LWT shares hit as market fears battle over manning

By Colin Campbell

LWT (Holdings), the parent company of London Weekend Television, saw its shares fall 6p to 139p yesterday ahead of Tuesday's meeting with its staff and unions to discuss manning levels.

The group says it will present "a programme for change" to its 1,600 workforce and their trades unions in an effort to "make us competitive and ready for the challenges of the next decade," leaving City analysts fearing LWT may be facing a "Fleet Street" confrontation.

Mr Christopher Bland, chairman, declined to give details of Tuesday's proposals, but conceded that the company had made provisions for a possible strike.

He added: "We do not expect things to go badly. We expect a sensible, rational response to sensible, rational proposals."



Christopher Bland: warning

LWT shares were also dampened by flat interim results showing a pretax profit of £13.3 million for the six months ended January 24 compared with a previously "dazzling" £12.7 million. Turnover rose 3 per cent to £100.7 million.

The chairman gave warning that the results for the full year were particularly difficult to predict, partly because transmission costs would be significantly higher in the second half, reflecting the group's investment in independent drama production.

The interim dividend is held at 2.04p a share.

The group's share of the network's advertising revenue fell from 11.7 per cent to 11.2 per cent, but the board said the rate of revenue growth in the second half had improved.

Mr Bland said LWT had already started to lobby the Government against suggestions that commercial television franchises might be put out to tender, an idea which he said would be a "cruel and unusual punishment."

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Durables demand slows down

Consumer demand for many household durable goods could be reaching saturation point in Britain, official figures suggest. Last year the growth in expenditure on such items as TVs, videos and fridges halved in real terms – in spite of strong growth in overall consumer spending, and price reductions.

The growth in real spending on durables slowed to less than 9 per cent, after jumping 19 per cent in 1986.

Consumer expenditure on all goods and services rose by 5.2 per cent last year, slightly down on the 1986 growth rate of 6 per cent.

Overall economic growth was 4.4 per cent.

Record £4.35bn of mortgages pledged

By Our Economics Correspondent

The building societies announced a record £4.35 billion of new mortgage commitments last month and predicted strong demand for mortgages in the next few months as unmarried couples rush to beat the Budget deadline for obtaining double mortgage interest relief.

The level of commitments, 75 per cent up on February last year, and 6 per cent above the previous record, reflected the buoyancy of the mortgage market and a large share of that market being taken by the building societies.

Net receipts last month from investors were £1.1 billion, the third out of the last four months in which receipts have exceeded £1 billion.

Mortgage advances last month, as distinct from commitments, were £1.12 billion, down on the January figure of £1.38 billion, but 19 per cent above the lending total in February last year.

"Given normal seasonal factors, and the incentive created by the Budget for unmarried couples to complete their mortgages before August 1 to obtain maximum tax relief where the joint loan is over £30,000, further strong growth in lending is expected," said Mr Mark Boleat, director general of the Building Societies Association.

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MERCURY FUND MANAGERS

Spring flotation expected for art auctioneer

Sotheby's shares under hammer

By Cliff Feltham

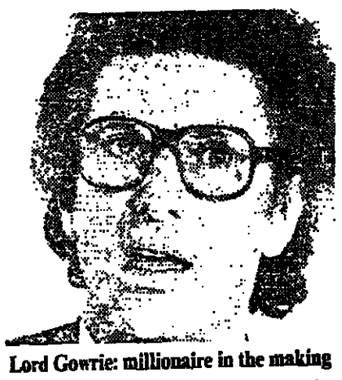
Sotheby's, the world's largest firm of art auctioneers, is planning a spring stock market flotation. The share offering is likely to value the business at more than £300 million.

Mr Alfred Taubman, the American property magnate and patron of the arts who owns most of the company, was forced to abandon a flotation last October because of the market crash.

But last night Mr Taubman confirmed he was still keen to press on with the issue which will mean a big financial killing for one of the company's key figures, Lord Gowrie, the former Minister for the Arts, who left politics because he could not afford to live on the salary.

Mr Taubman said: "Sotheby's Holdings announced in December 1987 that following unsettled stock market conditions in the United States and the UK that it would postpone its intended public offering.

"At that time we said we would wait until our advisers recommended a suitable time to go public. That is still the case. We do plan to go public but no decision has yet been made as to the timing of the offer.



Lord Gowrie: millionaire in the making

"Since the stock market downturn last October the international art auction market has remained strong with record prices continuing to be set in many collecting areas."

The Sotheby's flotation is likely to be the largest to take place since the market crash. However, the issue is bound to be scaled down and the original target of about £400 million now looks improbable.

Otherwise, Sotheby's is expected to press on with its original proposals, which involved the sale of 29 per cent of the company in a simultaneous operation in London and New York.

Mr Taubman led an investor group which bought Sotheby's – then a public company – in 1983 for £83 million. A two-tier voting structure will allow Mr Taubman and his fellow shareholders to realize part of their holdings but still keep overwhelming control of the business.

Lord Gowrie, who gave up his Cabinet post and £33,000 a year in 1985 because he said he could not afford to live on the salary, is thought to be earning in excess of £100,000 as chairman of Sotheby's International – effectively making him the fourth most senior executive officer in the firm. He also holds 75,000 share options.

No price will be fixed on the options until Sotheby's finalizes its own flotation terms but assuming the business continues to thrive they should, when exercised, put Lord Gowrie into the millionaire class.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bolton society plans link with Cheltenham

The tiny Bolton Building Society plans to join the league of small societies seeking shelter with larger competitors. It intends to merge with the Cheltenham & Gloucester, the tenth largest society, which has assets of £4.4 billion, in the autumn. It will be the fifth small society to merge with C&G in less than two years.

With only two offices, the Bolton conducts most of its business by post, offering competitive investment rates. After a six-month honeymoon period following the merger — which still has to be approved by investors in both societies — its rates will come into line with C&G's.

Whitbread's hotel deal

Whitbread has bought Breadsall Priory, the hotel complex just outside Derby. The acquisition comprises the hotel, a golf course and other sporting facilities. The price of the deal is about £1.7 million, which will be satisfied by the issue of 537,000 Whitbread "A" shares. The hotel and other facilities will be managed by a Whitbread subsidiary.

Savage jumps to £2.2m

Savage Group, a supplier of hardware products in Europe, made pretax profits of £2.2 million in the half year to end-December, against just £476,000 in the previous first half. Turnover leapt to £21.6 million (£7.1 million) and the interim dividend rises to 1p (0.75p). The results include the first full half-year contribution from three acquisitions.

Framlington cuts PEP

Framlington Group has scrapped plans to launch a new Personal Equity Plan for 1989 and Fidelity is unlikely to launch its scheme which had been held up until the Budget. Mr Tim Miller, managing director of Framlington, said the limit on unit trust investment through PEP's had been raised only to £540, whereas the industry had hoped it would be lifted to £2,400.

"At this level the margins are too narrow for the product to pay its way," he said.

Hay clinches £540,000 buy

Norman Hay, the electroplating and anodizing group, has bought the trading assets of Plasplate and its wholly owned subsidiary, Techniplate, both based in Daventry, Northants. The consideration is £540,000 in cash. Plasplate is a leading plater of plastic and other non-metal substrates, and Techniplate is a specialized metal finishing company.

Acquisition for Canning

W Canning, the chemicals and medical services group, is paying £350,000 for Servitronic, a West German-based distributor of electronic components. Last year, the business had a turnover of £1.4 million. Servitronic was acquired through Ing Theo Henskes, Canning's subsidiary, which will take an active part in its development.

STOCK MARKETS

Buyers move in on rate cut hopes

The Budget account ended on a high note yesterday with fund managers finally coaxed off the sidelines by overnight performances in both Tokyo and New York which saw share prices close for the first time above their pre-crash levels. Growing hopes of another early cut in bank base rates also boosted sentiment in London.

Many market-makers were left short of stock by the sudden rush of buyers which, dealers claim, bodes well for the new three-week Easter account starting on Monday.

The sudden surge in demand was also reflected in turnover which was sharply up to a post-Budget high. A total of 605.1 million shares was traded on the Stock Exchange's computer system.

Several large lines of stock went through the market, including 2 million P&O deferred, 1p higher at 593p, and a similar number of BAA shares, up 5p at 178p, after the opening of its new international terminal at Gatwick by The Queen.

Brokers have been puzzled all week by the City's muted response to the Budget proposals. One leading broker complained: "The institutions behave like sheep sometimes. It takes one to make the first move and then the rest all follow".

The FT-SE 100 share index rose 27.4 points to close near its best level of the day at 1,855.5 — a rise on the two-week account of 21.0, or 1.1 per cent. The index now stands at its best level since the week of Black Monday. The narrower FT 30 share index gained 17.7 to finish at 1,476.8.

There was also plenty of cheerful economy news. The latest bank lending figures registered a sharp slowdown with February showing a rise of £2.4 billion. That compares with City forecasts of £3.25 billion. In January, the figure was a massive £5.5 billion.

The February money supply figures also made better-than-expected reading with M0 falling 0.1 per cent and the broader M3 rising 0.4 per cent.

The pound scored early gains against the mark in London following a strong overnight performance in the Far East and, at one stage, touched DM3.1050. This raised hopes that the Chancellor may be forced to concede another early cut in bank rates following Thursday's reduction of 0.5 percentage point to 8.5 per cent.

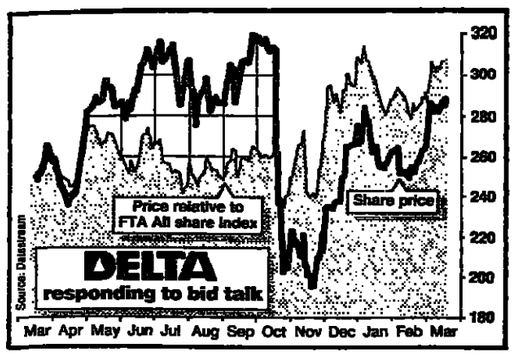
But profit-taking took its toll and the pound closed at DM3.0887. It lost ground against the dollar following this week's better than expected trade figures finishing 1 cent lower $1.8240.

Government securities

Great Portland Estates failed to rally. It held steady at 314p after announcing the purchase of Black Lion House in London's Whitechapel Road for £16.05 million. Cazenove, the broker, placed 3.85 million shares at 305p with institutions to help finance the deal.

ended the session with losses stretching to £¼ at the longer end after the new "tap" £800 million of Treasury 1994 was absorbed.

BP, where the Kuwait Investment Office now holds a 22.07 per cent stake, advanced 11p to 280p. Yaimichi Securities, the broker, says if the KIO takes up the remaining two calls it will cost it £3.6 billion — representing 11 per cent of what Kuwait describes as its funds for future generations and .7 per cent of Kuwait's total state reserves. Yaimichi reckons the KIO will continue to hold on to its stake in BP.



Takeover talk on **Delta Group**, the electrical equipment, engineering and industrial services company, persists, with the price rising 3p to 290p.

Dealers reckon Delta has been vulnerable to a bid ever since it failed to win control of of George H Scholes last year following a £71 million bid.

Talk in the market now suggests that **RTZ**, the mining finance group, fresh from its successful £263 million acquisition of MK Electric, is stalking Delta and will soon launch a bid.

Delta reported an 11 per cent advance in full year profits to £64.2 million this week and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, expects the group to achieve £73 million in the current year.

BZW, believes the shares are underrated and expects the new management to generate strong growth.

RTZ advanced 20p to 385p as nearly 3 million shares changed hands.

BZW is also a fan of RTZ and gives some credence to the Delta bid stories by saying that the fall in world stock markets created acquisition opportunities for RTZ with its low gearing and cashflow of about £600 million per annum.

Confirmation that **Trafalgar House** had increased its stake in **Costain**, the construction and mining group, to 6.5 per cent, sparked off speculative buying of the latter on hopes that a bid will soon follow. The shares eventually closed 7p better at 325p.

Trafalgar House also attracted useful demand, closing 3p higher at 340p on a turnover of more than 4 million shares.

Sentiment has been boosted this week following a substantial profits upgrading by Cazenove, the broker, and by vague suggestions that Sir Nigel Broackes, the chairman, plans to sell off Trafalgar's remaining oil interests.

Housebuilders continued to shine after the Budget. **Barratt Developments** improved 7p to 207p with investors also looking forward to next week's interim results. The USM-listed **Berkeley Group** jumped by 21p to 271p and **Wiggins Construction** firmed 11p to 196p.

Magnet, the DIY and furniture retailer, revived as speculators chased the shares 13p higher to 248p in the hope that the long-awaited bid might materialize in the next account. Nearly 2 million shares changed hands.

Ladbroke, the hotel to bookmaking group, which also owns the Texas Homecare DIY chain of stores, recently denied it was interested in bidding for Magnet. Sainsbury, which owns Homebase and Wickes, the biggest DIY group in Britain, is also said to be interested.

A week after denying that he had been adding to his 2 per cent shareholding in **Scottish & Newcastle**, the Youngers brewery, Mr John Elliott, the chairman of Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, was said to be behind the rise of 6p to 283p in the shares of S&N yesterday.

Norcros, the building materials group, advanced 4p to 425p ahead of a visit by fund managers next week to one of the UBM branches in Gillingham, Kent. The visit, arranged by Warburg Securities, will give them an opportunity to meet Mr Michael Doherty, the new chief executive.

About 2.3 million shares changed hands with County NatWest, the broker, particularly active.

Dealers are convinced that a bid will materialize for S&N sooner, rather than later, and expect it to come from either Elders IXL or Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur who holds a near-7 per cent stake.

Elsewhere in the drinks sector, **Allied-Lyons**, in which Mr Alan Bond's Bond Corporation holds a 6.28 per cent stake, improved 4p to 379p, after 380p.

Bass, the subject of a Pru-Bache investment recommendation, gained 9p to 867p

Redfearn, the packaging and glass manufacturing group, rose by a further 22p to 533p as investors continued to chase the shares higher on bid hopes after this week's unexpected resignation of Mr John Pratt, the chairman.

Mr Pratt's abrupt departure has led to speculation that he might now be a willing seller of his stake in the group which with family interests amounts to an estimated 15 per cent.

John Crowther, the textiles group, soared 32p to 175p, on news that the board had received a bid approach. Crowther has recently been undergoing a re-rating after reporting impressive results recently. Dealers claim the most likely suitor is Entrad Investments, the Australian group,

London International Group, the condom manufacturer, attracted renewed support and closed 8p higher at 291p.

Whispers in the market continue to suggest that LIG is on the verge of selling its Royal Worcester Spode porcelain interests in the US.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

HONG KONG

Property profits help lift Hang Seng index

(Reuter) — Share prices closed higher in active trading, encouraged by reports of increased profits by Hong Kong's big property firms.

The Hang Seng index rose 26.27 points to 2,607.60 and the broader-based Hong Kong index gained 16.50 points to 1,708.39.

Brokers said the 20 per cent net profit increase for 1987 announced by Hong Kong Land helped boost prices. Its shares closed five cents higher at HK$7.85.

Brokers said the stronger US dollar also spurred demand from local institutions and small investors, but the index closed off the day's high after late profit-taking.

Turnover rose to HK$1.48 billion (£104 million) from Thursday's HK$1.03 billion.

TOKYO

Bank chief's comment slows Nikkei advance

(Reuter) — Share prices closed higher in robust trade yesterday, although optimism following news of a smaller-than-expected US January trade deficit was later tempered by comments from Mr Satoshi Sumita, governor of the Bank of Japan, that the stock market was rising too quickly, brokers said.

"Sumita's comments took the steam out of the market," said Mr Robert Karr, a broker with New Japan Securities.

The Nikkei average rose 93.97 points, or 0.36 per cent, to close at 25,966.26, after briefly topping 26,000 in morning trade. It climbed 167.86 points on Thursday.

Advancing shares led declining issues by five to four on turnover of 1.2 billion shares against 1.1 billion the previous day.

NEW YORK

Dow edges higher but caution rules trading

(Reuter) — Wall Street stocks gained in early trading yesterday, slightly extending Thursday's advance after a smaller than expected US January trade deficit, brokers said.

However, investors were cautious over triple-witching concerns, the brokers added. The dollar and US bonds were mixed.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after rising seven points, was up 1.82 to 2,087.86 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 2.69 to 879.63 and the utilities average down 0.06 to 180.24.

Advancing issues led declining shares by two to one.

Roper Corporation jumped 4¾ to 52. Whirlpool raised its bid for all Roper shares to 50 from 37½.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	277 +13
Archer (AJ) (130p)	166 +1
Aukett Ass (95p)	103
Berry Star	168 +1
Brit Pet P/P	81 +6
Carron Phoenix (120p)	161
Copymore (130p)	135 –1
Eurotunnel	332 +13
Eurotunnel Wrnts	23½ +1½
GWR Gp	345 –10
Gardiner Gp (30p)	41½ +1
Hatfield Est (100p)	123
Hughes (HT)	76
ISA Intl (80p)	118 +1
Inshops (52p)	69
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	158 +3
Nestor-BNA (75p)	97
Norfolk House (100p)	106
Psion	124 +6
River&Merc Am Inc	102
Selective Ass	76 +2
Shaftsbury (180p)	153
Shanks McEwan (650p)	830
Shorco	116 –2
TGI (130p)	130 –1
TIP Europe	146 +3
Titon Hldgs (80p)	84 –1
Transrap Hldgs (50p)	60
UK Paper (135p)	148 +5
Vosper Thorny (160p)	181 –2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Charterhall N/P	9½ +½
Gr West 6% N/P	
Hartons N/P	32
Jackson Ex N/P	1½
Mining & Ald N/P	8
Nth Kalg N/P	3½ –½
Oakwood N/P	315 +5
Parrish N/P	15 –5
Splash Prod N/P	18
Sumne N/P	9

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allid Lyon (*379)	330	55	58	65	4	8	9
	360	28	37	45	9	18	25
	390	10	23	28	22	35	40
Bass (*667)	750	123	142	162	3	8	13
	800	80	102	125	9	20	27
	850	40	70	95	22	37	47
Brit Air (*177)	140	38	40	43	1	5	9
	160	19	23	28	3	10	15
	180	6	12	17	10	19	23
Brit Com (*310)	280	37	45	57	4	9	13
	300	23	33	42	8	16	20
	330	6	20	26	25	33	37
Brit Gas (*140)	130	12	18	20	2	6	8
	140	6¼	11½	14	5	10	13
	160	1½	4	7½	22	23	25
BP (*279)	240	39	47	51	1½	4½	7
	260	19	32	38	4	8	13
	280	8	19	27	12	17	22
Bristol (*519)	420	98	-	-	1	2	2
	460	60	62	70	2	3	6
	500	22	30	40	2½	10	20
Cons Gold (*923)	800	145	180	210	11	32	50
	850	110	150	180	23	45	70
	900	75	120	150	40	70	95
Courtauld (*326)	300	37	47	53	5	14	15
	330	16	26	37	15	26	33
	360	3½	15	23	33	52	52
	390	1½	8	-	63	73	-
Cons Unlon (*350)	300	55	67	72	2	7	12
	330	27	40	48	7	15	20
	360	9	23	30	20	27	33
C & W (*347)	330	27	43	52	9	20	27
	360	11	25	40	25	35	50
	390	2	11	25	47	55	68
GEC (*154)	140	18	23	27	1½	5	6
	160	4½	11	15	10	13	16
	180	1	5	8	27	27	32
GKN (*337)	280	49	63	66	2	6	11
	300	32	46	50	5	11	17
	330	12	28	33	17	23	28
	360	4	16	-	38	40	-
Grand Met (*504)	420	88	102	108	1	6	10
	460	50	70	80	5	15	20
	500	20	43	57	17	30	35
	550	6	21	35	52	58	62
ICI (*1056)	950	117	153	-	5	18	-
	1000	77	118	133	14	32	50
	1050	40	87	-	32	52	-
	1100	20	62	80	65	78	100
Jaguar (*307)	300	14	31	38	15	25	33
	330	5	19	27	40	45	52
	360	2	9	16	63	67	77
Land Sec (*541)	460	85	90	103	3	9	15
	500	48	60	77	6	18	28
	550	17	33	48	25	43	53
M & S (*182)	180	25	33	41	1	7	7
	180	8	16	22	6	12	16
	200	1½	8	12	20	25	27
R-Royce (*131)	120	12½	18	22	3½	7	11
	130	5	11½	16	7	11	15
	140	2	7	12	16	18	22
STC (*249)	220	28	35	41	2	9	13
	240	14	25	30	10	16	21
	260	5	15	22	24	27	34
Sainsbury (*239)	220	23	28	34	3	6	8
	240	9	15	21	8	15	16
	260	2	9	12	24	29	30
Shell (*1069)	1000	77	115	125	13	27	42
	1050	42	77	-	27	45	-
	1100	18	52	77	52	72	82
Storehse (*244)	220	30	37	43	3	12	15
	240	15	23	33	9	18	25
	260	4	15	23	20	32	37
	280	2	9	-	40	45	-
Trafalgar (*342)	300	45	52	63	3	9	13
	330	21	32	42	10	17	25
	360	7	17	30	27	35	43
TSB (*119)	100	13	15	20	1½	3	5
	110	6	9	13	4	6	9
	120	2	6	9	11	12	14
Woolworth (*306)	280	50	53	62	-	1	2
	280	36	40	50	3	13	18
	300	15	26	37	10	22	27

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Amstrad (*169)	140	35	40	-	4	7	-
	160	22	30	33	11	14	17
	180	12	19	22	21	23	26
Barclays (*490)	420	82	90	-	4	9	-
	460	55	63	72	12	20	25
	500	32	40	47	27	40	45
Beecham (*476)	420	70	77	-	7	13	-
	460	40	52	62	17	30	34
	500	20	33	43	40	50	55
	550	8	-	-	77	-	-
Boots (*232)	220	24	30	34	11	16	16
	240	12	19	24	22	28	30
	260	6	13	-	38	40	-
BTR (*268)	240	30	38	43	7	11	14
	260	18	28	32	14	20	23
	280	9	17	22	28	33	35
Blue Circ (*450)	420	53	70	78	18	28	28
	460	30	45	52	35	45	48
	500	14	28	33	63	66	72
Dixons (*191)	180	22	28	32	7	12	15
	200	11	18	22	17	22	24
	220	4	11	-	32	36	-

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Glaxo (*1081)	950	165	197	-	12	25	-
	1000	125	163	183	23	38	50
	1050	80	132	-	40	57	-
	1100	57	105	127	62	80	90
Hanson (*139)	120	23	26	-	2	4	-
	130	15	19¼	22	4½	7	9
	140	9	14	16	8	12	13½
	160	2½	6½	9	23	25	26
Hawker (*493)	460	50	66	73	23	30	35
	500	27	46	53	43	48	55
	550	13	26	37	80	85	95
Lonhro (*253)	220	40	44	-	4	7	-
	240	25	32	36	9	15	18
	260	13	21	26	19	23	27
	280	7	13	-	33	38	-
Midland (*410)	360	67	75	-	6	10	-
	390	43	52	65	12	20	27
	420	27	35	45	25	35	42
Sears (*137)	120	21	24	-	3½	6½	-
	130	12	17	22	6½	9	12
	140	8	12	17	12	14	17
Tesco (*170)	140	35	39	-	2	4	-
	160	18	23	28	7	10	12
	180	10	14	18	16	20	23
Thorn EMI (*822)	500	137	145	-	5	12	-
	550	90	105	117	8	22	30
	600	55	70	80	25	37	47
	650	28	42	-	47	60	-
THF (*249)	220	36	45	50	4	8	11
	240	23	30	35	10	15	18
	260	11	17	23	20	26	30
Unilever (*504)	460	52	67	75	14	20	25
	500	28	47	53	32	38	44
	550	10	25	-	68	72	-
Wellcome (*469)	420	67	90	-	15	24	-
	460	47	64	76	29	42	50
	500	27	50	62	53	64	70

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*119)	100	23	28	35	3	9	12
	110	16	20	29	5	13	16
	120	8½	15	24	8	18	23
Brit Aero (*360)	300	62	82	-	8	8	-
	330	53	58	65	8	16	23
	360	28	40	48	20	27	35
	390	14	25	32	38	45	55
BAT Ind (*459)	390	72	78	-	4	9	-
	420	43	57	67	12	18	25
	460	18	35	43	28	35	42
	500	8	-	-	58	-	-
Brit Tele (*260)	220	43	47	52	1	4½	6
	240	25	31	38	3½	11	13
	260	14	19	24	11	19	24
Cadbury (*270)	240	28	37	46	6	13	15
	260	14	26	36	12	22	27
	280	6	17	27	26	33	35
Guinness (*320)	260	65	-	73	2½	-	7
	280	45	-	55	4	-	15
	300	30	-	45	10	-	25
Ladbroke (*418)	300	122	125	-	1	2½	-
	330	92	95	98	2	5	7
	360	65	68	72	3	10	14
LASMO (*332)	280	54	67	77	7	12	18
	300	40	50	63	14	20	26
	330	22	35	47	28	33	37
Pilkington (*225)	390	36	38	47	4	10	15
	220	18	27	35	10	20	28
	240	10	15	22	25	32	37
	260	5	8	-	40	45	-
Plessey (*159)	140	25	28	35	2½	6	10
	160	12	17	24	10	16	20
	180	5	10	15	24	30	32
P & O (*593)	500	97	105	117	4	10	15
	550	52	72	87	10	20	30
	600	25	42	57	37	47	50
Prudential (*874)	800	85	100	115	20	35	48
	850	50	70	88	40	50	70
	900	22	40	-	65	80	-
Racal (*226)	200	33	37	44	4	8	11
	220	18	24	32	11	16	19
	240	8	15	22	21	27	30
RTZ (*380)	300	88	93	-	5	11	-
	330	60	73	83	7	17	22
	360	35	50	60	17	30	33
	390	23	-	-	30	-	-
Vaal Reefs (*991)	90	13	20	24	6	12	14
	100	8½	15	17	14	20	20
	110	5	11	-	22	28	-
Tr 12% 1995 (*113)	110	3¾	3⁷⁄₃₂	3⅝	1³⁄₃₂	1½	
	112	2²⁄₃₂	2¾	1	1⅛	2²⁄₃₂	
	114	1³⁄₃₂	1⅜	1²⁄₃₂	2	2⅛	3⅜
	116	½	⅜	1	3⅝	4²⁄₃₂	4⅝
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*120)	114	5⅝	-	-	½	-	-
	116	4⅜	-	-	1²⁄₃₂	-	-
	118	3⅛	-	-	2½	-	-
	120	2¹⁄₃₂	-	-	3⅝	-	-
	122	1²⁄₃₂	-	-	-	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1855)

Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1800	260	260	—	—	2	5	—	—
1850	210	213	222	240	2½	10	20	28
1700	160	157	180	198	5	15	27	38
1750	109	125	142	168	9	25	38	50
1800	65	88	106	127	13	39	53	63
1850	30	57	80	98	30	60	73	88
1900	10	35	50	70	60	85	100	112

March 18, 1988 Total: 43327 Calls 25916 Puts 17411 FT-SE: Calls 1567 Puts 1267

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 14	March 25	June 16	June 27

Call options were taken out on: 18/3/88 Wheway Watson, Premier Cons., Dares Estates, Wilson Connolly, Blacks Leisure, Normans Group, Hobson, Tuskar, Underwoods, Helical Bar, North Kalgurli Mines, Jaguar, Brown & Jackson, Scottish & Newcastle, Peek Holdings.
Puts & Calls: BP ppd, Jones & Shipman.

WALL STREET

	Mar 17	Mar 16		Mar 17	Mar 16		Mar 17	Mar 16
AMR Cp	43¾	43¼	Fedders	9¼	8¾	Pennzoil	76¾	76½
ASA	46½	46¾	Firestone	62½	63¼	Pepsico	35½	35¾
Aetna Life	45¾	46¼	Fst Chicago	24	23⅝	Pfizer	55¼	53¾
Allied Signal	32½	32¾	Fst Int Bncp	44¼	44	Phelps Dod	42½	41¾
Altis Chim	1¼	1¼	Fst Penn C	9⅝	9⅝	Philip Mor	94	93¼
Alcoa	46¼	45¾	FT Wachva	36¾	36½	Philip Pet	17¾	16¾
Amax Inc	18¾	18¾	Ford Motor	44¾	44	Polaroid	34¾	34¼
AMR Hess	30	29⅝	GAF Cp	52¾	53¼	Pnmerca	30¼	29¾
Am Brands	46¼	46¼	GTE Cp	38¼	38½	Proct Gble	80¾	80¾
Am Cynmid	50¾	51	Gen Cp	21¾	21½	Pub SE Gr	24¼	24¼
Am Elc Pwr	28½	28¾	Gn Dynam	55¼	55	R Nabisco	52¾	50¾
Amexs	27	26¾	Gen Electric	44¾	44¾	Raytheon	69¾	68¾
Am Family	15¼	15¼	Gen Inst	34¾	34¼	Rynlds Metl	46¾	45¾
Am Home	82¾	81	Gen Mills	51	50	Rockwell Int	20¼	20¼
Am Int Grp	57¾	57¾	Gen Motors	73¾	73¾	Royal Dutch	118½	119
Am Stand	76¾	75½	Gen Pub Ut	32¾	32¾	SFE Sopac	17¼	17¾
Am Telph	29	28¾	Genesco	4¾	4½	Sara Lee	43	42¼
Amoco Cp	76¼	75¼	Georgia Pac	37¾	37½	Schlumb	37¾	36½
Anheuser B	31¾	31½	Gillette	39¾	38¾	Scott Pap	37¾	38
Armco Steel	11¾	11¾	Goodrich	51	50½	Seagram	55	55
Asarco Inc	25¼	25	Goodyear	63¼	62¼	Sears Roeb	38¼	37¾
Ashland Oil	65½	64¾	Gould Inc	12¾	12½	Shell Trans	80¾	81¼
Atl Richfld	80¾	78¼	Grace Co	27¾	27¼	Singer	49¾	48¾
Avon Prod	23¾	23¼	Grt Atl Pac	37	36¼	Smith Beck	59½	58¾
Bk Boston	25¾	24¾	Greyhnd	29¾	30¼	Sony Cp	42	41¾
Bank NY	30	29¾	Grumman	23¾	21¾	Sth Cal Edi	31¾	31¾
Bankamer	9¾	9¾	Gulf & West	81	81¼	SW Bell	38¾	37¾
Bkrs Tst NY	33¾	34	Heinz	44¾	43¾	Squibb	68	67
Baxter	25¾	26	Hercules	51¾	50¾	Stert Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	23	21¾	Hewlett Pk	64	65	Stevens JP	62¾	61¾
Boeing	48¾	48¾	Honeywell	67½	66¾	Sun Comp	58¾	58
Boise Casc	49¾	49	IC Ind	35¼	35¾	TRW Inc	52¾	51¾
Borden	56½	55¾	ITT Cp	47	46¾	Teledyne	342¾	335¾
Bristl Meyr	45	43¾	INCO	23¾	22½	Tenneco	43¾	44¼
BP	59½	59½	Ing Rand Wl	40¾	40¾	Texaco	44	44¾
Brunswick	22¼	21¼	Inland Steel	33¼	32¼	Tex Eastn	28¾	28¾
Burl Nth	71¾	70¾	IBM	114¾	115¼	Texas Inst	55¾	55¾
CBS	166¾	164¾	Int Paper	44¾	44	Tex Util	28	28
Cms Engy	17¾	17½	Irving Bk	53¾	53	Textron	24¼	24¼
CPC Int	49¾	48¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	86½	85½	Travelers	37	37¾
CSX Cp	30¼	30¾	K Mart	36	36¼	USG	35	35¾
Camp Soup	30¾	29	Kaisertech	11¼	11¾	USX Cp	31½	31¾
Can Pacific	18¼	18¼	Kerr McGee	37¾	36¾	Unilever Plc	36¾	36¾
Caterpillar	67	65¾	Kimbrly Clrk	57¾	58¼	Un Carbide	24¾	24½
Cenol SW	31¼	31½	Kraft	56¾	55¾	Un Pac Cp	68¼	65¾
Champion	36¾	36	Kroger	30½	29¾	Unisys Cp	34¾	34¼
Chase Man	26	26¼	LTV Cp	3¼	3½	Utd Brands	49¾	49¾
Chem NY	24¾	24	Lmon	86½	84¼	Us West	54¼	53¾
Chevron	47	46¾	Lockheed	43¾	43¾	Utd Tech	42¼	41¾
Chrysler	24¾	24¼	Lucky Str	32¾	31	Unocal	37¼	36
Cmcorp	20¾	20¾	Man H'nwr	28	28¼	Warn Lamb	77½	73¾
Clark Eq	25¼	25¾	Manville	2¾	2¾	Wells Far	54¾	52¾
Coca Cola	40

German legal action on steel subsidies hangs over BSC sale

From Colin Narbrough, Düsseldorf

The West German steel industry is about to take legal action against state subsidies, a move that could spoil the market climate for the forthcoming privatization of the British Steel Corporation.

The move is certain to arouse anger in Britain where the Government is hurriedly preparing the ground for the sell-off. It is also likely to cause considerable embarrassment to the West German government, which holds the EEC presidency.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Trade and Industry Minister, has said that the BSC sale, expected to raise about £2 billion, will not go ahead before the end of the year, but Sir Robert Scholey, the company's chairman, has suggested November as the earliest date for the sale. Legislation is before Parliament and the Government hopes to have it approved by the summer recess.

Dr Ruprecht Vondran, head of the West German Iron and Steel Association, told *The Times* yesterday that his organization would soon complain formally to the EEC Commission.

The billions of pounds the Government has pumped into BSC, along with massive financial aid other governments have provided to their steelmakers, are seen by the largely privately owned German steel industry as a clear breach of EEC law.

The treaty covering the European iron and steel industry specifically states that no subsidies of any sort may be paid. Ironically, the clause was inserted by the French, who have massively supported their own steel industry, when the agreement was drawn up in 1950.

Dr Vondran, while warmly commending BSC on its remarkable turnround and newly won profitability, said the £8.3 billion of aid given to the company had made it effectively debt-free compared to private steelmakers in West Germany such as Krupp.

The West Germans' action is directed at Brussels' failure to act against subsidies that have created "unfair competition" in steel, and will be based on article 4c of the Iron and Steel Treaty. The Commission will have three months to respond. If the reply is unsatisfactory, the case will be taken to the European Court.

Dr Vondran said the West German steel industry was seeking a "corrective" from Brussels that would offset the unfair advantage that subsidies in Britain, France, Italy and Belgium have given its rivals.

The cases to be cited in evidence would include only the most blatant, and BSC was in this category, alongside Italian steel firms.

Dr Vondran declined to say what corrective the West German steel industry was seeking from the Commission, saying it was up to Brussels to find the right medicine.

HK Land rises 20% and wants to expand

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Hongkong Land, the Crown Colony's biggest landlord, yesterday revealed 1987 after-tax profits up 20 per cent to HK$1.1 billion (£79 million) and announced it was on the acquisition trail.

The company has committed loans totalling HK$8 billion ready for expansion and is sitting on HK$1.3 billion cash after the sale of most of its land bank and two prime properties.

"Given the uncertainty following the stock market crash, we will hold ourselves ready for the right opportunity at the right time. We have got the resources to take the opportunity," Mr Nigel Rich, the managing director, said

The company's present strength is a far cry from its position five years ago, when fears about Hong Kong's future – it is due to be handed back to China in 1997 – led to a property crash.

Hongkong Land nearly went under, with debts touching HK$14.3 billion. But confidence has since returned and the property group now has a gearing of just 6.4 per cent of its HK$24 billion shareholders' funds.

Mr Simon Keswick, the chairman, said: "In 1987, Hongkong Land re-established itself as one of Hong Kong's strongest companies."

The company is to pay a final dividend of 22.01 cents a share which, together with the interim of 12 cents, lifts the total payout to HK$794 million or 34.01 cents per share, representing an increase of 26 per cent.

Mr Keswick said the group's properties had been revalued and that the net asset value was now $9.55 against the previous $8.17.

Last night, both Hongkong Land ordinary and preferred shares finished five cents higher at HK$7.95 and HK$7.70 respectively.

Much of the recent rise in the shares, which are considered blue chips, is attributed to speculation that the Keswick family is about to give up its century-long control of the group.

Both before and after the October market crash there were constant reports that a consortium of Chinese businessmen was preparing to mount a bid.

The takeover talk is likely to surface again soon, with the passing of six months since the crash. The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers requires that when a general offer is made it must be at the highest price paid in the previous six months.

Performance that will make Lawson a hard act to follow



KENNETH FLEET

Budgets are about public finances and raising revenue; they are also political statements. Nigel Lawson's fifth Budget removes any shreds of doubt about Mrs Thatcher's vision of Britain.

In it socialism has no place; inflation, which is immoral, is curbed and preferably abolished; the state is not the universal provider; ownership of homes and investments is a bulwark of freedom; the tax system is not a means of redistributing wealth from rich to poor; and the enterprise economy creates the wealth in which all may share, but not equally: success must have its due and proper reward. When he cut the highest rate of taxation to 40 per cent, the Chancellor struck egalitarianism dead and knocked away the last crutch of those who complain that high taxes are a *disincentive to* effort. No one in the Cabinet has the same burning ideological commitment as the Prime Minister, but for his part Nigel Lawson on Tuesday was at his pragmatic best. He moved nimbly to his latest, preferred rule of economic management, namely a balanced Budget. It is no mean achievement to have travelled so far in five budgets. And he radically reformed the personal tax system. As a result, the United Kingdom is an even more powerful magnet for portfolio and direct investment.

However, I believe the Lawson factor has been shaded by the clash between him and the Prime Minister over exchange-rate stability and intervention in the foreign exchange market. Whereas Mrs Thatcher's instinct, which led to the abrupt uncapping of the sterling-mark rate, was right, the style of her own intervention was unfortunate. This blow to his self-esteem, together with his feeling that his contribution to the cause of tax reform has now been made, suggests to me that his latest Budget is his last. Thursday's half-point cut in base rates to hold the mark rate below 3.10 does not, in my view, repair the breach.

The City, where politics are not really understood, had looked for a clarification of credit and exchange-rate policy in the Budget speech. The fact that the Chancellor skated round the issue in a perfunctory manner partly explains the market's muted reaction to the Budget. The lack of big surprises also contributed to an air of *déjà vu*. Modern budget-making is preceded by so much inspired, if not actually informed, crystal-gazing that a sense of anticlimax is virtually guaranteed.

The City's bored response does not diminish the Budget's significance as a clutch of market factors. In the short run, decisions affecting capital gains tax – charging gains as income at the taxpayers' marginal rate (25 per cent or 40 per cent), reducing the threshold to £5,000 and taking out of account all gains accumulated between 1965 and 1982 – should induce selling by high *taxpayers before April 6, and after* April 6, by investors relieved of the feeling of being locked in by virtue of their substantial pre-1982 gains. Nine of the great glamour stocks of seven fat years between 1965 and 1972 (Asda, Racal, Hanson, BTR, Dixons, Hammerson, General Electric, Beecham and Glaxo) made gains of between 9,576 per cent and 1,220 per cent and, Glaxo apart, have since been pale performers by comparison.

In the long term, a 40 per cent top rate of tax, which clearly makes income from investments more attractive, is likely to shift some emphasis from ordinary shares to gilt-edged and other fixed-interest investments where income is more important in the total *return than capital gain, and price* movements tend to be smaller. There are, of course, other factors in the equation, the rate of inflation for example.

The main focus is on the medium term. A steady growth rate exceeding 3 per cent, sound public finances and a low and stable inflation rate of 4 per cent are a helpful background for investment. There is little real argument with the Treasury's main economic forecasts and even analysts who claim that too much spending will push the current account balance of payments deficit this year above the projected £4 billion doubt the Treasury's capacity to finance it.

A balanced Budget has favourable implications for the gilt-edged market because it will mean the issue of much less new stock, how much less depending on the demand for sterling across the exchanges. Perhaps we should not believe in "stock shortage" in the gilt-edged market until we actually see it; none the less, the changing relationship between supply and demand should reduce the adverse impact on gilt prices if interest rates are pushed up to quell excessive spending.

Equities are more interesting but more vulnerable. Ordinary shares, though 25 per cent down on their July 1987 peak, are 12 per cent higher than they were at the beginning of last year. This may explain the fairly relaxed aftermath to the October crash. It may also explain the tentative recovery, compared with New York and especially Tokyo, since then.

There are basically two problems. First, if the expected and necessary slowdown in British growth occurs, it will scale down the rate of growth in company profits which for six years have been climbing fast and providing the fuel for a booming stock market. Secondly, if the pound is high and rising that, too, will hit profits and undermine the market's foundation – earnings related to price.

I would still be cautious. If the market does go up in the coming weeks, as it may do because there is money *itching to get back into equities and* some excellent company figures have still to come out, it would be sensible to do some weeding out of any rubbishy shares you may have.

Where Nigel Lawson has been "lucky" *is in the vastly improved* performance of British industry since emerging from the 1979-81 recession. Under the whip of government and the foreign exchange market, British manufacturers' productivity has shaped up to foreign standards. By riding his good fortune with skill, the Chancellor has led the economy through an extended period of growth with low inflation.

Industry's scope for continuing at the same pace is now restricted: most of the fat has been squeezed out. Hence the screams from the Confederation of British Industry when the pound shot through DM3.00, threatening its members' hard-earned competitiveness and their profit margins.

Nigel Lawson is ahead. If he does leave the Treasury, his successor will have to work hard for his 40 per cent taxed salary. That of course is what Thatcherism is about.

Ruling on cable TV sought

From Jonathan Braude
Brussels

The European Commission is threatening court action against Belgium to force the Flemish regional government to allow Sky Channel and the competing commercial Super Channel to go out on television.

The two private television stations and Music Television Europe are broadcast by the French-speaking cable networks in Wallonia and parts of Brussels, but Mr Patrick Dewael, the Flemish culture minister, has so far refused to give the go-ahead for transmission in Flanders.

Super Channel has asked the Belgian courts to grant an interim injunction allowing it to broadcast through Flemish cable networks and a ruling is expected on April 1.

The Commission has written to the Belgian government warning that it will open proceedings in the European Court of Justice in Luxemburg unless Mr Dewael changes his mind. The Commission argues that the Flanders administration's position is in contravention of EEC rules of free international competition.

Lloyd's chief maps out market's tasks



Des Lee: electronic future



Peter Miller: vision of 1992

The management of Lloyd's faces four main tasks as the insurance market moves into the 21st century, Mr Alan Lord, chief executive, told the second Lloyd's 2000 conference yesterday.

The tasks are: to continue to improve regulation; to think about the framework of business within which the business of Lloyd's can go forward; to develop staff resources and reduce costs and to develop new technology.

Mr Des Lee, head of Lloyd's systems and communications department, said he expected by the year 2000 most insurance business would be placed electronically, with fewer intermediaries between the source of business and underwriters.

He said : "We should keep those elements of a service which are effective and be prepared to reject the rest."

Mr Peter Miller, former chairman of Lloyd's and a Lloyd's council member, said he was looking forward not to the year 2000, but to 1992 for a full computer network and users to be in place, ready to cope with the wider market when the barriers to Europe were broken down.

CBI urges more investment in Spain

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

A delegation from the Confederation of British Industry has decided after two days of talks with its opposite numbers in Madrid that there must be *more British investment in* Spain directed at the manufacturing sectors.

Sir David Nickson, the CBI president, said after meetings with Señor José Maria Cuevas, president of the Confederation of Spanish Employers Organizations: "Spain offers increasing and exciting opportunities for British investment."

He said Britain and Spain had "the two fastest growing economies in Europe".

Machinery and equipment, electronics, telecommunications, information technology and software, pharmaceuticals, security services, and aviation were among the areas where Britain could contribute by investing, ideally through joint ventures.

The talks with the Spaniards had included how to encourage the manufacturing industries to collaborate in both countries.

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the CBI deputy president, spoke of "a queue of ideas" now lined up, ready to be worked upon at the level of individual companies of both countries.

British direct investment in Spain jumped last year – Spain's second year of membership of the EEC – to 45.42 billion pesetas (£217 million) against 27.981 billion pesetas in 1986.

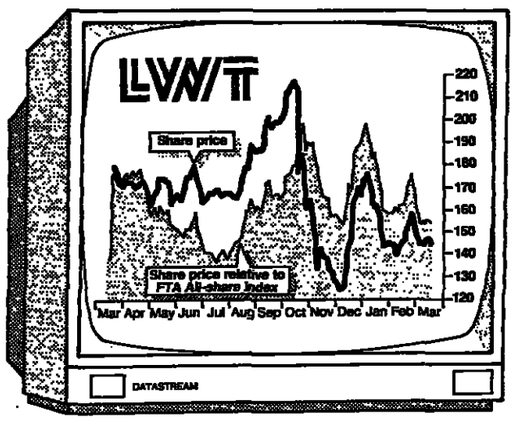
But more than two-thirds of last year's investment was concentrated on services, especially finance and insurance.

British investment in Spain is 10 times the size of Spanish investment in the United Kingdom and the CBI urged *Spaniards to participate more* in investing in Britain.

The CBI's visit to Madrid comes after a year in which British exports to Spain reached £2.25 billion, but because Italy did better, Britain was pushed down from third to fourth place among Spain's EEC suppliers.

TEMPUS

LWT's programme for change clouds the market's picture



London Weekend Television has two series "in the can" with very apt titles. They are *Piece of Cake* and *Troubles*. And if there is anything in a name, then LWT will hope the gods smile on the former.

Because on Tuesday, LWT Holdings unwraps its proposals outlining a "programme for change", which, to judge from management's tetchy attitude yesterday, seem likely to prove controversial to its three unions.

This will be no ordinary entertaintments programme, but a management blueprint on staff numbers and employment practices which, it believes, has to be implemented if LWT is to be competitive.

So with the Tuesday cloud *overhanging* the group, results for the six months ended January 24 were largely of secondary consideration to the market. They were also uninspiring, showing only a 4 per cent advance at pretax level, from £12.7 million to £13.3 million, on a turnover up 3 per cent to £100.7 million.

There are, in any event, uncertainties about the second half because transmission costs will be signifcantly higher. Meanwhile, LWT saw its slice of the advertising cake slip from 11.7 per cent to 11.2 per cent.

The two non-TV interests – Page & Moy, the travel firm which is still stock market bound, and the 25 per cent stake in Century Hutchinson, the publisher – turned in mixed performances. In the longer term, LWT is still expected to reduce these holdings.

LWT ended its last financial year with a net cash pile of £29 million, but declines to give a current figure nor any indication of what interest was generated from this. The secrecy hardly helps its case at a time when commercial television shares are weighed down by uncertainty over what happens on the franchise front.

Though LWT should make some year-on-year headway, earlier, higher profit estimates have now been downgraded. A current year's *outcome of £24* million, compared with £23 million, would put the shares, down 6p at 139p, on a prospective rating of 8.3.

That may well be a discount to the industrial market, and LWT may well come out of its negotiations without too many bruises. But, before Tuesday, the shares are only for the brave.

Gilts shine

Gilts reacted in an extraordinarily muted fashion to a Budget that contained many comforting factors and a few strongly bullish ones. This niggardly response to *what* surely must be the most favourable funding prospect since the war probably had more to do with speculative pre-Budget position taking than underlying economic realities. Consider just a few of the many things going strongly for government stocks over the next 12 months.

First the robustness of government finances. The Chancellor forecast a £3.2 billion repayment of debt in the current fiscal year. Many City forecasters believe this to be extremely conservative and that the repayment may well be anything up to twice Mr Lawson's figure.

From an excellent starting point, the funding position gets better and better. The Government played a high-profile part in the international arrangements to support the dollar last year. The result was that substantial gilt sales were needed simply to sterilize the monetary stimulus created in the process. Some analysts estimate that as much as £10 billion of gilt sales was neccessary to offset these external flows.

With the dollar at today's lows it is most *unlikely that* support on anything like the 1987 scale will be needed in the months ahead. Clearly the Government will need to sell very litle stock in the fiscal year 1987-88, perhaps no more than £3 billion gross.

Weight of money arguments can be treacherous *if followed* slavishly. But if institutional investors merely wish to maintain their gilt weightings, then they may be in a position of pushing up prices of stock in short supply.

From an overseas standpoint, Britain's bond markets will be looking attractive this year. Whatever the Thatcher/Lawson wrangling before the Budget, it is clear that sterling will not be allowed to rise too far against the key mark rate, nor will it be allowed to slip too far either. For this would *signal the Chancellor's* willingness to accommodate profligate pay settlements and an easing of his anti-inflationary stance. So for foreigners, the currency risk, usually a big deterrent factor against UK bonds, will be smaller

This background and historically high real yields, mean that gilts should attract support from abroad. In the short run, there may not be much scope for further cuts in interest rates, but the real returns, meanwhile, are well worth having.

High interest

For generations of investors, high yield meant high risk. Shares which returned a high running income were also unattractive to wealthy individuals whose marginal tax rates were at the top end of the scale. The Budget has changed this in a substantial way. With capital gains now charged at income tax rates, the Chancellor has achieved near-neutrality and high-yield stocks are due for much closer scrutiny than in the past.

It cannot be long before the unit trust industry latches on to the new marketing opportunities which now exist for high yield funds.

For private investors, the Budget changes will also in future place the emphasis on total returns.

In the coming months, high-yielding shares should benefit relatively. Even the so-called growth funds, which have tended to keep income low for the benefit of high-rate taxpayers, will be inclined to pursue a belt-and-braces attitude and include a few high-paying stocks.

Shares to watch are those such as Standard Chartered on a double-figure yield with takeover possibilities thrown in too. There may be some rehabilitiation for income stocks such as Maxwell Communication and Lonrho, whose ratings have had to live with the negative influences of flamboyant individuals.

At the opposite end of the scale, low yielders such as Reuters and Amstrad will find the market less forgiving during periods of underperformance. Canny investors will also find the dividend-stripping antics of fund managers worth watching. They will provide profitable opportunities for buying and selling.

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Fin & Prop	79.4	84.1	-1.2	2.54
Hi Yield	72.8	77.1	-0.3	4.51
Income & Gth	201.4	219.3	-2.6	4.40
Int Earnings	178.1	189.7	+2.2	0.00
Int Growth Inc	81.2	87.0e	+1.4	0.55
Japan Gth Acc	146.3	155.7	+1.9	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	126.3	133.3	+0.4	2.71
Preference Inc	72.7	77.0	+0.2	7.79
Prop Gth Inc	89.3	94.6	-0.5	4.67
Spec Sits	94.1	99.7	+0.1	0.00
UK Growth	377.5	399.9	-0.8	3.22

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 28251 (dealing) 0793 615396

Capital	252.9	310.5e	-0.1	4.95
Equity Inc	170.2	180.4		4.88
High Yield	174.2	184.6	-0.3	4.88
Balanced	413.6	438.4	-1.9	3.36
Extra Inc	265.5	281.5e	+0.1	4.66
World Ass Val	34.7	28.3	+0.1	1.56
Japan	139.7	148.4	+0.9	0.01
Eac oil Amer	93.2	98.9	+0.5	4.65
Assoc Value	226.9	312.7	-0.5	3.41
Gtsaes Earn	200.1	212.1	-0.4	3.36
Recovery	97.2	103.1	-0.5	2.95
UK Spec Sits	246.2	264.8e	-0.1	2.70
Smlr Co	169.4	179.8	+0.4	1.92
Capital	249.0	263.9	-1.1	3.81
Amer Spec Sit	57.4	61.1e	+0.3	1.91
Financial	96.3	91.9	-0.6	1.26
Growth & Inc	151.6	160.7	-0.5	3.46
Euro Gth	17.7	18.9	+0.2	1.32
Pacific	204.4	217.7	+0.5	0.58
2nd Smlr Co	197.9	209.8e	-2.4	1.73

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	76.0	83.2e	-0.1	3.16
Euro Gth Inc	58.2	62.1	+0.3	2.80
Extra Income	94.2	100.5	-0.3	4.97
General	166.7	176.5	-0.3	2.28
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.6	56.5e	-0.1	9.26
Income Tst	364.5	400.8	-1.9	4.65
Int Income	37.4	39.9	-0.1	4.63
Smlr Co Inc	37.4	39.9	-0.1	1.22

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 3022

American EVS	..	..	..	
Australia	62.2	57.2	+1.4	0.00
Eastern	66.8	64.6e	+0.4	0.00
Equity Inc	68.5	72.7	+0.1	3.20
Europe	111.9	118.7	+1.1	0.10
Exempt Tst	57.1	60.7	..	3.50
Growth & Inc	73.3	77.7e	..	2.10
Do Acc	114.0	120.9e	-0.1	2.10
Global Gth	58.4	61.9	+0.1	0.00
Japan Spec	138.1	147.3	+0.7	0.10
Japan Sm	148.9	158.8e	+0.5	0.00
First Europe	96.8	104.8	+0.6	1.10
First Japan	104.2	110.6	+0.5	0.00
First N Amer	38.9	42.3	+0.5	1.10
First Smlr Co	89.2	94.5	+0.3	1.40
N Amer Spec	37.6	39.8	+0.4	0.20
UK Growth	89.3	63.0e	-0.1	5.09

BROWN SHIPLEY
Q-17, Broadwood Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	152.9	162.1e	..	1.72
Smlr Co Acc	288.3	312.7	..	0.85
Do Inc	181.8	197.2	..	0.84
High Income	78.5	83.5e	..	5.20
Income	97.7	103.9	..	5.28
Main Portf Inc	89.5	94.8	..	2.25
Do Acc	152.0	159.8	..	2.25
Nth American	24.8	47.7	..	0.21
Orient	92.6	98.0	..	0.10
Exempt	263.2	278.5	..	2.48
Recovery	58.0	68.2	..	0.29
Gemini	21.9	23.4	..	1.92
Int Recov	22.0	24.4	..	1.00
Europe	16.7	17.9e	..	3.51
Conv General	24.5	25.9e	..	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 623 2348

Emerg Inc	..	..	..	
Fellowship Inc	61.0	64.7e	-0.1	1.90
General Inc 4	25.0	27.0	-0.1	3.84
Do Acc 4	120.6	145.5	-3.8	2.94
Income Fd 3	133.4	141.5	+0.1	4.15
Do Acc 3	246.7	261.7	+0.3	4.15
Int Inc 2	105.5	111.7e	+0.9	1.53
Smlr Co Acc 2	144.6	153.3e	+0.1	4.27
Smlr Inc 5	92.5	98.1	+0.3	1.72
Do Acc	160.2	170.3	+0.4	1.72

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	32.1	34.2e	+0.1	2.95
Income	41.1	43.7e	+0.2	4.46
Far East	26.7	28.4e	+0.4	0.22
Nth American	26.9	28.6e	+0.2	0.72
Global	43.5	46.3e	+0.2	0.74
European	39.5	41.0e		1.30
Japan	84.2	89.5	+1.0	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1BR
01-588 2868

Capital	397.0	422.4	-0.8	2.59
Income	348.5	370.6	..	5.27
Nth Amer	230.8	245.6	+2.2	1.93

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Investment	440.7	..	..	4.78
Fixed Int	148.4	..	..	9.76
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.71

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	414.85	..	..	5.04
Acc	£12.7515	..	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.49

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woodside House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD
01-600 0822

Man Reinvst	23.0	24.39	..	3.45
SC Special Sits	61.8	65.2	+0.5	0.43

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 373293

Amer Gth	16.8	19.7	+0.2	0.06
Atlas Gth	21.2	22.6	+0.1	1.91
Dragon Gth	19.2	21.0	+0.3	1.91
Equity Inc	28.4	29.9		4.74
European Gth	23.8	25.0	+0.1	1.53
Gen Equity	48.4	51.2	+0.3	2.94
Gilt Inst'l Gth	23.3	24.5	+0.1	8.52
Gilt Inst'l Inc	25.7	27.0		8.74
Int Income Tst	22.5	23.9e	+0.1	6.83
Japan Gth	44.8	47.2	+0.2	0.00
Pacific Gth	37.2	39.2	+0.1	0.00
Special Sits	35.2	37.2	-0.1	2.82

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 5918

UK & Gen Inc	52.5	56.2	-0.3	3.49
Do Acc	54.1	57.6	-0.3	3.49
Income Inc	54.7	58.2e	-0.1	4.18
Do Acc	55.7	59.3e	-0.2	4.18
Worldwide Inc	42.2	45.1	+0.2	1.21
Do Acc	42.8	45.6	+0.2	1.21
Gearing Inc	29.7	31.6e	+0.1	5.26
Do Acc	29.8	31.7	+0.2	5.26
Do Inc	24.5	26.1	+0.1	5.26
Nth Amer Dist	51.3	54.5	+0.4	0.56
Euro Gth	50.4	53.6	+0.2	0.58
Far East	58.9	62.7	+0.3	0.00
World Bond	48.6	50.8		8.34

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 3033

Amer Tst	100.6	107.8	+0.9	0.93
Extended Gth	19.1	20.4	..	..
European Tst	84.8	90.5	+0.7	..
Growth Tst	267.1	274.2e	+2.6	2.13
High Income	215.4	229.4	+1.0	4.85
Int Tech Tst	100.3	107.0	+0.7	..
Investment	26.1	27.8	-0.1	..
Japanese Tst	216.6	233.1e	+1.8	..
Min Int	25.7	27.4	..	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reliance, Surrey RH2 8BL
0737 242958

European Gth	48.0	51.7	..	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	34.8	37.5	-0.2	1.30
International	45.7	49.2	..	0.50
N American Gth	34.7	37.2	+0.5	0.50
Pacific Gth	52.4	56.4	+0.4	4.80
UK Gth Acc	66.7	67.9e	+0.4	0.50
Do Dist	60.7	65.3e	+0.3	0.50
UK Income	57.4	61.8e	..	4.80

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 031-225 3462

American Fd	95.0	99.5	+0.5	1.68
Capital Fd	125.0	132.8	+0.5	1.68
Eurofund	21.3	22.6	+0.1	1.33
Growth & Inc	172.3	183.1	+0.2	3.82
High Dist Fd	151.2	160.6	+0.2	4.67
International	114.3	121.4	+0.5	1.68
Pacific Fd	19.6	21.0	+0.1	0.00
Resources Fd	20.4	21.7e	+0.1	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	46.6	49.1	+0.1	..
Tokyo Fd	103.0	109.4	+0.1	0.00
Ex Amer 2	114.3	117.4	..	1.55
Ex Japan 3	112.2	115.0	..	0.20
Ex Pacific 4	315.0	327.0e	+2.6	0.20
Ex Smlr Jap 4	244.0	250.1	-4.2	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311

UK Balan Inc	84.6	89.8	-0.4	2.71
Do Acc	89.2	93.6	-0.4	2.60
UK Gth Acc	128.3	137.8	-0.4	2.18
UK Gth Inc	95.5	101.4	-0.2	2.18
N Amer Acc	60.1	64.1	+0.5	1.10
Far East Acc	113.6	121.2	+1.0	0.64
European Acc	65.5	70.9	+0.7	1.46
UK Gilt Inc	57.9	61.1	..	11.62
Do Acc	65.2	68.2	..	7.52
Int Spec Sits	37.3	39.8	+0.1	1.98

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Rochford
0841 3LB Tel: 0702 68966

Endurance	113.1	120.4	..	1.59

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

Equit Pen Acc	91.9	97.8	-0.6	3.27
High Income	96.3	102.5	-0.5	4.49
Gt/Fxd Interst	53.1	56.5	+0.3	7.24
Tst Of Inv Tsts	81.2	86.4e	+0.1	1.99
Spec Sits Tst	94.8	100.7	+0.5	1.63
Nth Amer Tst	53.1	56.5	+0.2	1.63
Far East Tst	102.5	109.1	-0.5	0.57
Int Growth	48.4	51.5e	+0.4	1.81
European Tst	38.2	40.7	+0.3	1.97

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GZ Tel: 0203 553201

Do Inc	145.4	154.6	-0.6	3.41
Higher Inc Acc	322.5	343.0	-0.9	4.50
Do Inc	247.6	263.2	-0.7	4.50
Glbs & Fxd Acc	112.4	119.6e	+0.1	8.27
Do Inc	84.5	89.9e	+0.1	8.27
N Amer Acc	115.6	123.1	+1.2	0.02
Far East Acc	199.1	211.8	+1.4	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	82.0	87.2	+0.5	0.00
Gen Tst	252.6	268.7e	-0.5	3.65
Smr Excell	39.9	42.4	-0.3	2.89
Br Fdrstle Inc	48.6	51.6	..	5.81
Do Acc	48.6	51.6	..	5.81

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680
US Smlr Co 52.9 56.3 -0.1 0.83

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Inc Fd	90.9	96.8e	-0.6	4.55
Far East Fd	89.3	95.0	+0.6	0.00
Overseas Inc	93.0	98.9	+0.5	4.90
Fxd Interest	89.0	94.7	+0.3	9.11
Natural Res Fd	82.9	88.3	+0.2	2.15
European Inc	58.3	62.1	+0.3	2.48
Financials Fd	44.8	47.8e	..	2.66
Int Tech Fd	100.2	106.6	+0.2	0.88

FIS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
135, West Georges St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

Eston Gth Acc	65.6	70.2	-0.2	
Do Inc	64.2	68.5	-0.2	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.3	30.3	-0.2	
Do Inc	27.1	28.8	-0.2	5.80
Serv Co Acc	54.5	58.4	-0.2	
Do Inc	55.6	59.5	-0.2	5.80
Smr Co Acc	67.8	72.4	-0.2	
Do Inc	65.6	71.1	-0.2	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	21.5	22.7	+0.1	1.00
Do Inc	21.2	22.4	+0.1	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.7	16.7e	+0.1	1.00
Do Inc	15.6	16.6e	+0.1	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: Clubline 0800 414161 Dealing 01-626 8911

American	94.5	100.9	+1.0	1.22
Amer Enty Inc	25.4	27.2	+0.1	4.59
Amer Spec Sit	44.8	48.0	+0.5	0.01
Australia	20.7	22.1	+0.2	2.56
Discovery	50.3	53.9	..	..
European Inc	19.7	21.0e	-0.1	4.64
Global Conv	22.4	23.9e	..	5.70
Far East Inc	19.0	20.3	..	0.89
Gilt/Fxd Interest	30.1	30.4e	-0.2	9.09
Growth & Inc	114.4	122.4	-0.1	4.27
Japan Spec Sit	97.4	72.1	..	..
Japan	197.5	199.8	+1.3	..
Managed Int	118.2	126.5e	+1.0	0.77
Inc Plus	101.7	108.8e	+0.6	4.76
Famous Name	40.0	42.8	+0.2	0.00
Recovery	32.4	34.3	+0.1	0.78
Spec Sit	243.4	260.4	+1.9	0.61
Eastern Opps	29.8	32.0e	+0.1	..
Gilt Edged	24.2	25.9	+0.1	8.94
Recovery	27.7	29.7e	+0.2	2.48
Moneybuilder	24.0	25.6	+0.2	..

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181

Amer/Can Inc	160.3	169.6	-1.9	..
Do Acc	163.4	172.4	-2.0	..
Amer Turn Inc	177.0	186.6	-1.7	1.06
Do Acc	183.5	193.7	-1.7	1.06
Capital Inc	222.3	234.5	-2.1	4.50
Do Acc	233.9	252.3e	-1.4	2.30
Conv/Gilt Inc	103.7	109.4	+0.1	5.33
Do Acc	108.1	114.1	+0.1	5.33
Eurogen Inc	63.0	66.5	+0.2	1.16
Do Acc	63.0	66.5	+0.2	1.16
Exmpt Inc	222.2	234.5	-1.0	4.51
Do Acc	232.5	245.3	-1.0	4.51
Financial Acc	42.8	45.1	-0.5	0.50
Do Inc	42.6	44.9	-0.5	0.50
Income Inc	126.7	133.7	-0.7	4.82
Do Acc	175.1	184.8	+2.5	4.21
Int Growth Inc	146.2	150.0	-0.9	..
Do Acc	157.9	166.6	-0.9	..
Japan Gen Inc	112.5	118.7	+0.3	0.00
Do Acc	112.5	118.7	+0.3	0.00
Monthly Inc Fd	118.3	125.9e	+0.3	9.46
PEP Ff	53.0	54.0	+0.2	5.46
Pref Inc	51.2	54.0	-0.2	9.27
Recovery	172.0	181.5	+2.1	1.16
Do Acc	188.7	200.2	+2.2	1.16
Smaller Inc	83.9	88.6e	+0.3	2.10
Do Acc	84.2	87.1e	+0.3	2.10

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Dunstable, Beds LU5 4HF Tel: 0582 413141 Dealing 0722 411412

Equity Dist	238.0	243.7	-1.1	2.76
Do Acc	368.6	416.5	-1.7	2.76
Euro Gth Dist	81.1	84.2	..	0.82
Do Acc	81.1	84.2	..	0.82
Fxd Interest Di	118.0	125.3	..	8.97
Do Acc	148.3	158.5	..	8.97
Int Gth Dist	51.3	54.4	+0.1	2.35
Do Acc	51.3	54.4	+0.1	2.35
Nth Amer Dist	108.3	114.9	+0.1	2.25
Do Acc	116.1	116.8	+0.1	2.25
Pac Basin Dist	175.8	186.5	+2.2	0.16
Do Acc	178.0	188.7	+2.2	0.16
Reward Dist	234.2	248.2	-0.2	0.79
Do Acc	245.5	260.1	-0.2	0.79
Stewardship Inc Di	58.9	62.4	+0.1	3.98
Do Acc	58.3	59.6	+0.1	3.98
N Am Stwd Di	50.3	53.3	+0.1	1.88
Do Acc	50.3	53.3	+0.1	1.88

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4TJ Tel: 01-283 2576 Dealing 01-626 1581

Amer Gth Inc	197.2	125.5e	..	0.90
Do Acc	198.3	200.4e	-0.1	2.60
Income Fd	141.2	150.1	-0.1	2.60
International	143.6	152.9e	-0.1	2.60
US & General	44.0	46.8	+0.1	1.10
Japan & Gen	278.0	295.5	+0.9	0.10
Far East Gen	118.1	125.5	+1.1	0.00
European Tst	51.5	101.4	+0.2	0.00
Germany Fd	50.1	53.4	+0.6	1.80
Int Inc Fd	48.2	50.4	+0.1	5.70
Wld Spec Sit	56.4	60.1	-0.1	1.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1BJ Tel: 01-628 1212
Dealing: 01-638 3866 Investor Services: 0800 289336

American	65.3	69.5	+0.5	0.70
Australian	16.8	18.1	+0.3	0.00
British Acc	71.0	76.3	+0.5	1.90
Do Dist	60.9	65.2	-0.5	1.90
Chet UK Gth	94.7	26.1e	..	1.92
Commd Shrs	58.8	58.5	..	1.50
European	51.3	54.6	+0.1	1.45
Extra Income	61.0	65.5	-0.1	6.65
Far East Tst	122.8	131.0	+1.0	0.40
Fxd Interest	58.8	60.8	..	7.95
Frontier Mkts	22.8	24.3	..	0.00
Global Fd	153.1	164.2	-1.4	1.68
Do Dist	145.2	155.8	-1.3	1.68
Gold Shars	15.7	16.7	..	1.60
Hedged Amer	130.0	139.3	..	1.50
High Income	30.3	32.5	..	5.26
Hong Kong	29.9	32.0e	+0.3	1.25
Income Fd	96.8	103.9e	-2.5	4.24
Int Fi/Interest	29.2	30.8e	..	8.10
Japan Fd	125.2	133.6	-1.1	0.00
Main Expt	271.5	282.9	..	2.50
Oil & Energy	41.1	44.1	-0.9	1.89
Spec Sit	106.6	114.1	+0.5	0.02
UK Sm Co Rec	106.4	114.0	+0.1	0.00
Venture (formerly Opportunities)	73.1	78.3	..	0.00

Management Ltd

Glob Inc/Gth	72.9	77.8	+0.6	3.92
Pacific Gth	54.4	58.2	+0.4	0.00
Pract Inv Inc	94.4	99.1e	+0.2	2.70
Do Acc	120.1	128.5e	+0.3	2.70
Wrlwide Recov	85.0	91.2	-0.7	1.19

Selected Opportunities

American	27.1	28.8e	+0.3	0.41
European	52.6	56.0	+0.1	1.19
International	110.7	118.1	+0.3	0.84
Japan	64.2	68.3	+0.5	0.00
UK	61.3	65.7	..	1.18

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Govett House, Govett Avenue, Shepherds Bush, London W12 7BX Tel: 01-576 7979
Dealing 01-568 8535

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Int Gth	88.1	93.7	+0.4	1.12
American Gth	58.8	62.5	+0.2	1.25
American Inc	56.2	60.1e	+0.5	4.96
European Gth	44.8	47.8e	..	1.17
Gold & Minrls	46.5	49.4	+0.5	0.70
Japan Gth	61.7	65.5e	+0.5	..
Pacific Inc	74.6	79.3	+0.7	3.67
Pacific Gth	38.8	41.4e	+0.4	0.41
UK Prop Inc	71.6	76.5	-0.5	4.56
UK Spec Opps	139.5	148.3e	+0.3	1.46
Gt Britain	58.7	62.5	-0.2	3.17
UK Gilt Cs	35.8	38.0e	-0.1	0.67

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-668 8063

Gt/Fxd Interest	120.7	125.5e	..	8.90
Gth Equity	239.2	248.8	-0.3	2.36
Guarantee	198.5	208.5e	-0.2	3.77
Income Tst	96.1	100.9	+0.1	4.26
Int Tst	103.9	110.0e	+0.8	1.28
N American	119.4	126.4	+0.5	1.30
Pacific	252.7	267.5	+0.5	0.00
Property	149.9	158.1	+0.5	1.96
Property Shars	147.0	155.1	+0.5	1.96
Smaller Co	279.3	295.6	-0.5	1.88
European Tst	221.4	234.3	+0.1	1.48

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ Tel: 01-623 9333

Global Gth	36.8	39.0	+0.7	0.39
High Income	91.1	97.0	+0.5	5.10
N Amer Tst	98.3	104.6	+0.8	0.00
Pacific Gth	40.8	43.4	+0.3	0.50
Recovery	313.3	334.9	-0.1	2.37
Sm Companies	109.8	116.9e	+0.6	1.05
Technology	147.9	157.4	-1.4	0.00
Temp B Sm Co	235.1	248.0	..	2.32
Euro Gth Tst	41.4	44.0e	+0.3	0.50

HANBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1PJ
Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261016

Int Gth	88.1	93.7	+0.4	1.12
American Gth	58.8	62.5	+0.2	1.25
American Inc	56.2	60.1e	+0.5	4.96
European Gth	44.8	47.8e	..	1.17
Gold & Minrls	46.5	49.4	+0.5	0.70
Japan Gth	61.7	65.5e	+0.5	..
Pacific Inc	74.6	79.3	+0.7	3.67
Pacific Gth	38.8	41.4e	+0.4	0.41
UK Prop Inc	71.6	76.5	-0.5	4.56
UK Spec Opps	139.5	148.3e	+0.3	1.46
Gt Britain	58.7	62.5	-0.2	3.17
UK Gilt Cs	35.8	38.0e	-0.1	0.67

HENDERSON
Premier MT Administration Adelaide 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, 0277 261016

Amer Gth	85.0	90.6	+0.5	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	38.1	36.5	+0.2	0.00
Australian	83.4	88.9	+1.7	2.65
Best of World	69.2	73.8	+0.4	1.00
Dlgd Gth Inc	60.8	64.8	-0.5	2.25
Do Acc	71.4	76.1e	-0.6	2.25
European	191.1	203.6	+1.0	0.80
Far East Tst	89.3	95.2	..	0.00
Euro Smlr Co	69.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Elys (Wimbledon)	Drapery,Stores	
2	Juliana's Hldgs	Leisure	
3	Equity & Gen	Banks,Discount	
4	First Nat Finance	Banks,Discount	
5	Laporte (aa)	Chemicals,Plas	
6	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
7	Derwent Hldgs	Property	
8	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals,Plas	
9	Leeds	Textiles	
10	Next (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
11	Manders	Building,Roads	
12	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
13	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
14	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
15	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
16	Estates Prop	Property	
17	Casket Plc	Drapery,Stores	
18	Boss (aa)	Breweries	
19	Irish Distl	Breweries	
20	Corah	Textiles	
21	First Leisure	Leisure	
22	Devmish (JA)	Breweries	
23	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
24	Marshalls (J)	Building,Roads	
25	Sheraton Secs	Textiles	
26	Maxwell Comm (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
27	P & O Dfd (aa)	Shipping	
28	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Bradford	Property	
30	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
31	Church Charles	Building,Roads	
32	Regalian	Property	
33	Strong & Fisher	Shoes, Leather	
34	Clayform	Property	
35	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
36	LASMO (aa)	Oil,Gas	
37	Dawson	Textiles	
38	Boase Massimi	Paper,Print,Adv	
39	Control Secs	Property	
40	Allied Lon	Property	
41	Asda	Property	
42	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	Calor Gp	Oil,Gas	
44	Owners Abroad	Leisure	

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BRITISH FUNDS

1987/88 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102⅝	100⅝	Exch	10¾% 1988	100⅝	.. ..	10.4 8.749
101⅝	99	Treas C	9½% 1988	100⅝	.. ..	9.7 8.680
98½	92¾	Treas	9% 1988-90	98⅛	● ..	3.0 9.259
101⅜	94⅜	Treas	9¾% 1989	100⅝	.. ..	9.4 8.777
105⅛	95½	Treas	11¾% 1989	102⅝	+⅛	11.2 8.818
104⅜	97⅜	Treas	10¾% 1989	101⅞	+⅛	10.3 8.888
103⅜	95⅞	Exch	10% 1989	101⅛	..	9.8 8.884
106	99⅛	Exch	10¾% 1989	104⅛	+⅛	9.8 7.813
105⅝	95	Exch	11% 1989	103	●+⅛	10.6 8.884
96⅝	88⅜	Treas	9% 1990-92	96⅜	●+⅛	9.4 7.877
102⅛	96⅝	Treas C	9½% 1990	100⅝	.. ..	9.4 8.877
96⅜	88⅜	Treas	9% 1990	95	.. ..	9.1 8.877
102⅛	96⅝	Treas	8% 1990	101	.. ..	.. ..
111	101⅜	Treas	13% 1990	108⅝	.. ..	12.1 8.501
106⅝	96	Exch	11¾% 1991	103⅝	.. ..	10.6 8.818
110⅝	99⅝	Exch	12½% 1990	105⅝	●+⅛	11.7 8.986
92⅜	84⅜	Treas	3% 1990	92	.. ..	3.2 7.162
100	93⅜	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	98	.. ..	8.3 8.923
105	94⅛	Treas	10% 1990	102⅝	.. ..	9.7 8.992
91⅛	80⅜	Treas	2½% 1990	88⅝	+⅛	2.8 7.014
110⅝	96⅛	Treas C	10% 1991	104⅛	.. ..	9.5 8.510
110⅞	101⅜	Treas	11¾% 1991	106⅝	.. ..	11.0 8.565
95⅜	85⅝	Fund	5¼% 1987-91	93⅝	●+⅛	5.1 8.000
109⅝	97	Exch	11% 1991	106	+⅛	10.3 8.548
90⅝	79⅜	Treas	3% 1991	86⅛	+⅛	3.4 7.376
99	91	Treas	8% 1991	97⅛	+⅛	8.2 8.970
116⅝	105	Treas	12¾% 1992	113⅝	+⅛	11.4 8.075
105⅞	92⅝	Treas	10% 1992	104⅛	+⅛	9.7 9.045
108⅛	95⅝	Treas	C10½% 1992	104⅛	+⅛	10.0 9.107
86⅜	78⅛	Treas	9% 1992	84⅛	+⅛	3.5 7.472
99	89⅜	Treas	8% 1992	96⅝	+⅛	8.2 8.998
117	103⅝	Exch	12¾% 1992	111⅝	+⅛	11.0 8.157
121	104⅜	Exch	13½% 1992	115⅝	+⅛	11.8 9.169

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

107⅝	93⅞	Treas	10% 1993	103⅝	+⅛	9.6 9.151
118⅝	107⅛	Treas	12¾% 1993	113⅝	.. ..	10.9 9.188
95⅜	81⅛	Fund	6% 1993	91⅛	.. ..	6.58 7.393
125⅛	107⅞	Treas	13½% 1993	119⅝	.. ..	11.5 9.276
125⅜	113⅛	Treas	14¼% 1994	123⅝	.. ..	11.7 9.253
120⅝	103⅝	Exch	12¼% 1994	114⅝	.. ..	10.8 9.388
124⅝	108⅜	Exch	13½% 1994	119	.. ..	11.5 9.388
103⅜	89⅝	Treas	9% 1994	101⅝	.. ..	9.06 9.105
107⅜	93⅛	Treas	9¾% 1994	103⅝	.. ..	9.6 8.997
118⅜	104⅝	Treas	12% 1995	113⅝	.. ..	10.8 9.341
84⅝	75⅞	Gas	3% 1990-95	80⅝	.. ..	3.76 6.897
109⅜	97⅛	Exch	10¾% 1995	104⅝	.. ..	9.74 9.259
123⅛	108⅛	Treas	12¾% 1995	118⅝	.. ..	10.7 9.360
130⅝	114⅝	Treas	14% 1996	124⅝	.. ..	11.2 9.490
102⅜	89	Treas	9% 1992-95	99⅝	.. ..	9.2 8.933
139⅜	118⅛	Treas	15¼% 1995	132⅝	.. ..	11.5 9.488
127⅜	109⅞	Treas	13¼% 1996	121⅜	.. ..	10.9 9.413
89⅜	80	Ridmpt	3% 1986	86	● ..	9.69 9.340
108⅝	92¼	Conv	10% 1996	103⅝	.. ..	.. ..
96	86	Treas	8¾% 1997 C	97	.. ..	10.8 9.415
129⅝	112⅝	Treas	13½% 1997	122⅝	.. ..	10.8 9.351
111⅜	95	Exch	10¾% 1997	105⅝	.. ..	9.8 9.210
101	86⅛	Treas	8¾% 1997	97	.. ..	9.9 9.023
140	121	Exch	15% 1997	132⅝	-⅜	11.3 9.403
96⅝	82⅜	Treas	8¼% 1998-88	95⅝	.. ..	7.8 8.937
106⅝	93⅛	Exch	9¾% 1998	102⅝	-⅜	9.5 9.358
145⅝	123⅝	Treas	15¼% 1998	136⅝	●-⅛	11.1 9.565
122⅝	107⅞	Exch	12% 1998	116⅝	●-⅜	10.2 9.454
106⅝	92⅝	Treas	9¾% 1999	101⅛	.. ..	9.2 9.206
124⅝	107	Exch	12¼% 1999	118⅝	●-⅜	10.3 9.457
113	96	Treas	10¼% 1999	107⅝	.. ..	9.7 9.347
117⅜	99⅜	Conv	10¾% 1999	106⅝	.. ..	9.8 9.332
97⅝	83⅛	Treas	8% 2000	90⅝	.. ..	8.7 9.233
131⅜	114⅝	Treas	13% 2000	125⅝	.. ..	10.3 9.488
103⅜	88⅛	Conv	9% 2001	98⅝	.. ..	9.1 9.168
110⅜	94⅜	Treas	10% 2001	105⅝	.. ..	9.4 9.273
108⅜	92⅛	Conv	9¾% 2001	103⅝	-⅜	9.4 9.257
134⅛	112⅝	Treas	14% 1998-..	128⅝	.. ..	10.9 9.585
103	86⅞	Exch	9% 2002	98⅝	.. ..	9.1 9.159
110⅝	96	Conv	10% 2002	106	.. ..	9.4 9.295
122⅝	107	Exch	11¾% 1999-..	116⅝	.. ..	10.2 9.486
109	93⅜	Treas	9¾% 2002	104⅜	.. ..	9.3 9.205

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111⅝	94⅜	Treas	10% 2003	106⅝	-⅜	9.3 9.162
136⅝	118⅞	Treas	13¾% 2000 ..	129⅝	-⅜	10.5 9.530
121⅝	105	Treas	11¾% 2001 ..	115⅝	●-⅜	9.9 9.348
111⅛	94⅞	Treas	10% 2004	106⅝	-⅜	9.3 9.153
59⅝	51⅛	Fund	3½% 1999 ..	56⅝	.. ..	3.1 8.429
107⅝	91⅛	Conv	9¼% 2004	102⅝	.. ..	9.2 9.119
107⅝	90⅞	Conv	9½% 2005	103	●-⅜	9.3 9.109
119⅝	99⅝	Exch	10½% 2005	111⅝	●-⅜	9.3 9.065
132⅝	111⅛	Treas	12½% 2003 ..	125⅝	-⅜	9.8 9.222
94⅜	78⅝	Treas	8% 2003 ..	89⅝	-⅜	8.8 9.022
110⅝	93⅛	Conv	9¾% 2005	105⅛	-⅜	9.2 9.119
126⅜	108⅝	Treas	11½% 2003 ..	120⅝	-⅜	9.7 9.227
99⅜	85⅝	Treas	8¾% 2007	95⅛	-⅜	8.9 9.196
142	121⅜	Treas	13½% 2006	136⅝	-⅜	9.9 9.047
104⅜	88⅛	Treas	9% 2008	100⅝	-⅜	8.9 8.993
94⅜	80⅜	Treas	8% 2008	90⅝	-⅜	8.7 8.933
102	86⅝	Conv	9% 2011	100	-⅜	8.9 8.978
66⅝	56⅝	Treas	5¾% 2008-12	64⅝	-⅜	5.4 8.778
95⅝	79⅝	Treas	8% 2012-15	87⅝	-⅜	8.8 8.982
134⅜	116⅝	Exch	12% 2013-17	128⅝	-⅜	9.2 9.055

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45⅝	39⅝	Console	4%	44⅜	.. ..	9.0 ——
41⅞	34⅝	War Ln	3½%	39⅝	.. ..	8.6 ——
53	45	Conv	3½%	51⅝	● ..	6.8 ——
34⅝	29⅝	Treas	3%	32⅝	● ..	9.1 ——
32⅜	24⅝	Console	2½%	27⅝	●-⅜	8.9 ——
28⅝	24⅝	Treas	2½%	27⅛	●-⅜	8.9 ——

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119⅝	106⅛	Treas IL	2%	1990	116⅝	● .. 2.3 0.885
101⅛	93⅛	Treas IL	2%	1992	99⅝	● .. 2.85 2.231
132⅝	117⅝	Treas IL	2%	1996	131⅝	● .. 3.57 3.274
111⅜	96⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2001	109⅝	●+⅛ 3.9 3.711
122⅝	94⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2003	107⅞	+⅛ 3.9 3.734
113	94⅜	Treas IL	2%	2006	108⅝	+⅛ 3.9 3.772
127⅞	89⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2009	107⅝	+⅛ 3.9 3.788
113⅜	85⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2011	105⅝	+⅛ 3.9 3.736
95⅛	76⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2013	88⅝	.. .. 3.6 3.982
103⅜	83⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2016	95⅝	.. .. 3.6 3.892
101⅜	81⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2020	93⅝	●+⅛ 3.6 3.619
96⅝	68⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2024	79	+⅛ 3.6 3.577

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	180	Allied Irish	215	220	..	27	4.0	279
199	68	Ansbacher (Henry)	95	98	..	..	..	..
259	138	Arc New 7	176	180	+6	..	..	..
12⅛	3⅝	Bankamerica	4⅝	..	..	..	..	..
246	175	Bank of Ireland	215	220	..	..	..	..
27	17	Bank Leumi Israel	15	17	..	..	..	..
350	240	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	● ..	17.0	4.8	11.2
624	395	Bank Of Scotland	560	565	● +1	23.4	4.2	11.3
88	80	Bank Of Wales	85	88	..	3.0	3.5	10.0
655	413	Barclays (aa)	488	490	● +6	31.9	6.5	10.8
30	25	Benchmark	25	28	-1	2.1	7.8	11.8
503	410	Brown Shipley	445	455	..	14.0	3.2	10.2
139	48	Bus Mortgage	129	135	..	1.4	2.5	12.1
463	250	Chanr Allen	335	355	..	3.4	3.2	11.5
75½	44	Cattles	66	67	..	..	..	..
38⅝	16⅛	Chase Manhattan	14⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
51	9½	Citibank	11⅛	..	..	8.2	3.5	21.7
279	119	Close Bros	170	180	..	..	..	..
111⅛	65½	Commercial Bk	77½	..	+½	..	..	..
288½	120½	Deutsche Bank	142½	..	+½	..	..	..
97	46	Equity & Gen	87	89	+2	15.9	54.5	11.3
258	165	First Nat Finance	243	250	+1	12.0	4.9	8.0
124	79	GPG	98	102	+1	..	..	13.8
418	298	Gerrard Nat	395	410	..	23.3	7.6	9.5
386	280	Hambros	288	292	+1	12.1	4.5	10.6
97	46	Hk Shanghai	58	59	+1	3.5b	6.3	..
568	412	Joseph (Leopold)	490	500	..	18.3	4.2	18.2
194	134	Jones & Dawson	145	150	-1	12.0	8.1	14.9
696	277	Kleinwort Benson	363	367	..	18.1	6.4	6.1
424	243	Lloyds (aa)	278	283	● +6	18.1	6.4	5.1
57	37	Lon Scot Bk	45	49	..	2.5	5.3	6.5
369	308	Midland (aa)	339	412	● +7	27.5	6.7	11.3
288	208	Morgan Grenfell	255	270	+1	14.9	5.6	..
280	127	Nat Aust Bk	216	220	● +5	..	..	10.1
780	555	Nat West (aa)	575	580	● +5	32.9	5.7	9.5
439	323	Ottoman	360	..	..	21.9	6.3	9.6
448	278	Provident	342	350	● ..	..	..	..

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Firm end to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 7. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day March 21. Settlement day March 28. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BREWERIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	280	Allied-Lyons (aa)	377	386	+4	18.2	4.3	11.2
1010	745	Bass (aa)	862	870	+4	26.8	3.1	13.6
233	174	Bellhaven	45	44	..	1.8	4.1	15.5
246	131	Bodington	141	145	..	5.1	3.5	12.3
195	68	Border (H P)	167	173	..	8.2	4.8	12.1
155	128	Burtonwood Brew	145	150	..	4.0	2.7	24.2
535	332	Dists (Matthew)	353	363	● ..	13.7	3.6	12.6
361	282	Fitzwood (JJ)	353	357	+1	4.1	1.2	28.6
279½	150	Greene King	268	272	+1	8.2	3.0	12.9
494	259	Grt Universal	488	487	..	8.2	1.6	24.9
280	225	Guinness (aa)	258	260	..	11.5	4.4	11.5
235	63	Hardys & Hansons	670	680	..	20.5	4.3	12.7
185	68	Holland Dadl	68	70	..	3.4	5.2	11.2
333	138	Invergordon Dist	317	327	..	7.9	2.4	32.2
248	145	Irish Distl	217	227	+2	..	..	..
154	116	Matthew Thompson	117	118	..	3.6	3.1	14.9
369	345	Morland	360	365	..	10.8	2.2	19.8
470	131	SA Breweries	335	340	+10	..	..	..
284	178	Scot & Nwc (aa)	263	265	+2	11.2	4.8	15.4
288	265	Wadw Sdp	270	275	+1	12.5	4.6	15.8
468	291	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	315	318	+2	12.6	4.0	15.5
268	248	Do 'B'	255	258	+2	9.6	3.8	15.2
274	210	Whitbread Inv	215	220	+1	11.6	5.3	13.2
434	277½	Wolverhampton & D	380	386	+10	20.0	5.2	13.6
477	274	Young 'A'	385	395	+10	12.3	3.1	21.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
360	139	Abbey	335	338	..	..	..	..
449	252	Alfred McAlpine	335	340	-2	16.3	6.6	11.9
510	205	Anglia Sec	436	450	..	27	6.6	12.4
438	28	Anglo Utd	44	48	● -2	1.4	3.1	83.3
156	106	Ardcrete	106	112	● ..	4.3	3.7	6.5
462	184	Attwoods	298	303	+6	8.9	3.0	17.1
443	218	BPB Ind (aa)	258	260	+7	9.5	3.3	12.6
310	97	Bagenalls Brick	275	285	+7	4.5	1.6	13.8
252	134	Barratt Dev	226	228	+7	12.5	5.5	13.6
327	169	Bellway	245	250	+15	11.0	4.4	11.9
198	76	Bellworth	158	168	● -3	3.9	2.7	9.5
210	178	Berkeley Gp	193	198	+25	3.6	1.8	27.1
149	65	Bett Bros	92	102	..	4.8	4.9	22.4
572	147	Blackburn	238	242	+5	7.4	3.1	28.7
579	288	Blue Circle (aa)	358	360	+5	18.5	4.9	12.4
247	204	Bovis Plc	240	245	+5	10.5	4.3	..
358	204	Brown (J)	258	262	+2	14.0	5.3	10.2
358	211	Burton (aa)	238	242	+2	9.9	4.1	13.0
327	180	Cakebread	200	205	..	8.3	4.1	12.4
115	74	Carillion	96	98	..	3.5	3.6	10.2
615	375	Costain	415	425	-5	15.8	3.7	13.0
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AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 8494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	11.60	12.22	+0.03	..
Bear	12.10	12.74	-0.01	..
Owl	15.09	15.79	+0.01	..
Bull	13.34	14.05	-0.05	..
Stag	13.53	14.25	-0.06	..
Gilt Edged	11.97		+0.02	..
Deposit	10.7		+ ..	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.03	13.72	+0.04	..
Bear	14.01	14.75	-0.01	..
Owl	18.24	19.20	+0.01	..
Bull	15.93	16.77	-0.11	..
Stag	15.82	16.66	-0.09	..
Gilt Edged	12.76		+0.03	..
Deposit	11.55		+0.01	..
Exempt App Mixed	176.5	180.2	-0.11	..

ABBEY LIFE
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	224.6	236.5	+0.2	..
Do Accum	326.3	342.5	+0.2	..
Equity Fund Income	116.3	122.5	-0.8	..
Do Accum	138.8	133.4	-1.0	..
Selective Fund	272.5	286.8	+0.6	..
Money Fund	238.3	250.9	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	257.0	270.6	+3.2	..
Equity Ser 4	132.8	139.8	+0.7	..
Man Ser 4	363.9	382.8	+1.7	..
Conv Ser 4	213.2	224.5	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	212.9	224.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	212.8	224.1	+1.3	..
American Ser 4	244.8	258.0	+3.8	..
High Inc Ser 4	365.3	384.6	..	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	118.1	124.4	+0.2	..
Japan Ser 4	288.0	283.2	+2.4	..

ALBANY LIFE
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
0707 42311

Equity Fd Acc	855.0	899.9	-8.5	..
European Fd Accum	185.0	194.7	-0.1	..
Fixed Int Acc	342.0	360.0	+2.1	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	217.6	229.0	+0.1	..
Int Man Fd Acc	339.1	356.9	-2.8	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	197.6	207.9	-0.4	..
Japan Fund	281.0	295.7	-2.4	..
Nth American Fd Acc	150.3	158.2	-3.5	..
Prop Fd Acc	246.3	259.2	+1.0	..
Multiple Inv Acc	586.1	616.9	-3.2	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28291

Fixed Int Dep Accum	241.4	254.2	+0.2	..
Equity Accum	720.1	758.0	+11.3	..
Property Accum	403.8	425.1	+21.7	..
Far East Accum	164.9	173.6	-0.7	..
Managed Capital	329.9	351.1	+9.7	..
Do Accum	569.0	599.0	+9.8	..
Overseas Accum	468.3	493.0	+3.0	..
Gilt Edged Accum	309.5	319.5	-1.1	..
Amer Equity Accum	347.9	366.2	-1.5	..
Amer Man Accum	165.2	173.9	-0.8	..
Amer Prop Accum	124.7	131.3	..	..

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-26 Abbeymarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

Managed Growth	285.5	300.5	-3.17	..
Managed Income	131.4	138.3	-1.14	..
International	171.7	180.7	-3.97	..
High Income	198.1	208.6	+1.79	..
Income & Growth	261.4	275.2	+0.45	..
Basic Resource	104.2	109.7	-2.75	..
American	141.7	149.2	-3.77	..
Japan & General	455.8	479.8	-12.31	..
Special Situations	231.6	244.0	+1.81	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

Equity Accum	523.7	551.3	+0.2	..
Do Initial	438.4	461.5	+0.3	..
Gilt Edged Accum	254.0	246.4	+0.7	..
Do Initial	197.6	208.0	+0.6	..
International Accum	257.1	270.7	+1.7	..
Do Initial	215.7	227.1	+1.4	..
Managed Accum	339.4	357.3	+0.7	..
Do Initial	285.2	300.3	+0.6	..
Money Accum	188.8	186.8	..	..
Do Initial	153.9	162.0	..	..
Property Accum	231.7	243.9	+0.2	..
Do Initial	192.9	203.1	..	..
America Accum	150.6	158.6	+1.4	..
Do Initial	125.3	131.9	+1.2	..
Australia Accum	129.9	130.5	+4.7	..
Do Initial	106.0	111.6	+4.0	..
Financial Accum	227.3	249.8	+2.7	..
Do Initial	268.2	282.3	+2.1	..
500 Accum	282.2	297.1	+0.1	..
Do Initial	237.5	250.0	+0.1	..
Japan Small Acc 2	216.3	227.6	-0.2	..
Do Initial 2	322.5	336.5	+4.3	..
Income Accum	295.0	310.6	-2.2	..
Do Initial	250.7	263.9	-1.8	..
Leisure Accum	189.6	199.5	+1.0	..
Special Sits Accum	147.6	155.4	-0.5	..
Unw Tech Accum	199.9	109.3	+0.4	..
Do Initial	88.2	92.9	+0.3	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
Mountbarrow House, Chatham
8 Kent ME4 4JF 0634 405161

The Managed Fund	430.38		-3.98	..
Income Fund	435.9	458.9	+3.04	..
Extra Income Fund	410.1	431.7	+1.68	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	302.7	319.7	-8.32	..
Balanced Fund	368.3	385.6	-2.68	..
Smlr Co s & Re Fd	548.4	577.3	+4.69	..
Int Technology Fund	338.9	356.8	-9.53	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	213.5	225.1	-4.21	..
Energy Inv Fund	119.9	126.3	-1.02	..
Pacific Basin Fund	265.3	279.3	-5.64	..
German Growth Fd	99.78	105.0	-0.61	..
Japan Growth Fd	168.7	177.6	-5.13	..
The Uk Gth Fd	127.8	134.5	+0.78	..
Cont Euro Gth	69.02	71.62	+0.43	..
Property Fund	206.8	217.7	+0.23	..
Fixed Interest Fund	210.3	221.4	+0.56	..
Cash Fund	184.7	194.4	+0.60	..
Managed Inv Fund	272.1	286.5	-1.00	..
Nth Amer Respn	110.7	116.5	-0.88	..

CANADA LIFE
2-8, High St, Potters Bar, Herts
P Bar 51122

Equity Growth	155.7		-1.0	..
Managed	191.8	201.9	+0.2	..
Property	141.6	149.1	..	..
Gtd & Fixed Int	151.5	159.5	+1.6	..
Index-Linked	120.4	126.8	+0.5	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity	213.9	225.2	-0.2	..
Cash	147.8	155.6	+0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	207.7	218.7	-0.2	..
Midland Bk Int	206.0	216.9	--	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Equity Units		572.24	+0.30	..
Property Units		225.78	+0.5	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	237.22	39.39	+0.34	..
2nd Equity Accum	369.8	391.3	+4.7	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	347.6	367.8	+1.8	..
2nd Property Accum	239.3	265.5	+0.6	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	117.7	124.6	+0.5	..
2nd Managed Acc	265.0	280.4	+1.5	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	112.0	118.5	+0.5	..
2nd Deposit Accum	187.8	198.7	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	201.6	213.3	-0.8	..
2nd Amer Accum	216.6	229.2	+4.2	..
2nd Int Money Ac	186.3	199.3	-0.2	..
2nd Int Index Accum	113.2	119.8	..	..
2nd Far East Accum	218.2	230.9	+1.4	..
2nd Global Accum	83.9	87.8	+0.2	..
2nd Euro Accum	78.4	83.0	-0.1	..
2nd Japan Accum	149.1	157.8	+0.4	..
2nd Heritage Acc	92.2	97.6	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	89.7	94.9	-0.2	..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd,
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-506101

Property Fund	142.9	150.5	--	..
Money Fund	245.8	258.8	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	494.8	457.7	-0.5	..
Equity Fund	318.2	335.0	-0.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	162.5	171.1	-0.3	..
Far East Fund	235.9	252.8	-0.2	..
Int Amer Fund	125.0	131.5	+0.1	..
Nat Resources Fund	178.0	187.4	-0.4	..
Alexandra Fund	108.6	114.4	--	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290566
Assurance Funds

Mixed	151.4	159.4	+1.4	..
Equity	191.9	202.0	+2.6	..
Property	143.4	151.0	+0.3	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.3	134.1	-0.4	..
Indexed Secs	99.3	104.6	..	..
Cash	118.7	125.0	+0.1	..
Nth American	97.4	102.6	+2.1	..
Far East	144.5	152.2	+0.9	..
International	115.6	121.7	+1.0	..
Special Sits	156.6	164.9	+1.4	..
Intl Income	162.7	171.3	+1.4	..
European	136.3	143.5	+0.2	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	148.4	156.3	+0.8	..
Equity	171.2	180.3	+1.1	..
Property	133.8	141.0	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	143.2	150.8	+0.2	..
Index Linked	104.6	110.4	-0.4	..
Cash	131.9	138.9	+0.2	..
Nth American	105.2	110.8	+2.3	..
Far East Acc	189.8	199.8	+1.3	..
International Acc	132.9	139.9	+1.0	..
Special Sits	224.4	236.3	+1.0	..
European Flex	164.7	172.4	-0.3	..
Cash	118.7	125.0	+0.1	..
Nth American	97.4	102.6	+2.1	..
Far East	144.5	152.2	+0.9	..
International	115.6	121.7	+1.0	..
Special Sits	156.6	164.9	+1.4	..
Intl Income	162.7	171.3	+1.4	..
European	136.3	143.5	+0.2	..

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen s, 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

Var Ann Accum (5)	361.63		..	..
Var Ann (5)	60.28		..	..
Prime- Managed	245.8	256.8	..	..
Prime- UK Equity	295.6	311.2	-0.4	..
Prime- Int Equity	180.0	189.5	+1.6	..
Prime- Property	143.1	150.7	+0.1	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	159.4	167.8	+0.7	..
Prime- Index-Linked	103.4	108.9	-0.1	..
Prime- Cash	130.8	137.5	+0.2	..

CONFEDERATION LIFE
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0282

Managed Fund	668.8	703.7	+11.2	..
Equity Fund	925.8	974.5	+16.6	..
PIP Fund	127.879		+0.75	..

CROWN FINANCIAL
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
Dealing: 9033

Life Managed Acc	337.2	354.9	-2.6	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	250.8	264.0	-0.7	..
Life Equity Accum	420.7	442.8	-2.8	..
Life Money Accum	191.9	201.9	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	423.5	445.7	-1.1	..
Life Intl Accum	304.5	320.5	+4.5	..
Life High Inc Accum	448.4	471.9	-1.4	..
Life Property Accum	199.9	210.4	+0.1	..
Crown Gnt Inv A	541.4	740.4	..	..
Brewin Equity	609.0	641.0	..	..
DBS Managed	209.0	219.9	..	..
Growth Accum	243.4	256.2	..	..

CRUSADER INSURANCE
Reigate Surrey Rh2 8BL
07372 40424

Measured perf	91.7	97.0	+0.3	..
Performance Plus	86.8	91.9	+0.4	..
With Profit Perf	105.3	111.4	..	..
UK Opportunity	117.8	124.7	+1.1	..
Euro Opportunity	78.5	83.1	+0.1	..
North Amer Opp	74.4	78.7	+0.1	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East Opp	91.1	96.4	-0.5	..
Gth Prop Series 1	160.1	169.5	+1.1	..
Gth Prop Series 2	111.9	118.4	-1.4	..
Fixed Int -	105.3	112.5	-0.4	..
Cash	103.1	109.1	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	318.2	334.9	+19.07	..
Overseas	78.2	82.8	-0.4	..

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

Secure Fund	112.8	117.9	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	144.5	152.2	-0.3	..
Adventurous Fund	152.0	160.0	+1.1	..
Performance Fund	158.3	164.6	+0.4	..

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2
01-588 1212

Eagle/Midland Units	179.1	185.8	+1.7	4.42

EQUITY & LAW
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

Lpr Equities Fund	490.3	516.1	-1.4	..
Higher Income Fund	514.1	541.1	-1.6	..
Property Fund	314.3	330.8	+0.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	264.3	278.2	-0.1	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	107.4	113.0	+0.2	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	190.0	199.9	+0.2	..
Pen Americas Fund	112.4	118.3	+1.4	..
Far East Fund	329.1	346.3	+2.1	..
Europe Fund	174.2	183.3	-1.6	..
International Fund	278.9	293.5	+0.5	..
Mixed Fund	371.5	391.0	+0.1	..

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
01722 336242

Managed (Mixed)	189.6	178.6	+0.1	..
UK Equity	207.1	218.1	-0.6	..
Stewardship	216.2	227.6	+0.9	..
Overseas Equity	156.9	165.2	+1.1	..
North American	80.4	84.7	+0.1	..
Pacific Basin	93.3	98.3	+0.8	..
European	83.0	87.4	-0.7	..
Property	156.8	165.1	..	..
Fixed Interest	143.3	150.9	+0.5	..
Index Linked	101.6	107.0	..	..
Cash	127.4	134.2	+0.1	..

GT MANAGEMENT
15 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ
01-626 8131

GT Plan Bond Fund	176.6	185.9	-0.2	..
GT Plan High Yield	224.0	235.8	+2.0	..
GT Plan Far East	207.0	217.9	-3.2	..
GT Plan North Amer	111.8	117.7	-3.3	..
GT Plan UK & GE	304.9	321.0	+3.1	..
GT Plan Worldwide	233.0	245.3	-2.3	..

GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE
2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR
0904 626982

Managed	124.2	130.7	-0.2	..
UK Equity	174.0	183.0	+0.1	..
Fixed Int.	127.2	133.9	-0.4	..
Index-Linked	99.8	105.1	-0.1	..
Cash Deposit	114.2	120.2	+0.1	..
Property	121.5	127.9	+0.5	..
International	100.6	105.9	-0.5	..
American	77.5	81.6	-0.7	..
Japan	139.4	146.7	-0.6	..
Japan Smlr Co's	138.0	149.1	-1.7	..
European	91.2	96.0	-0.6	..
Pacific Fund	83.9	88.3	-0.6	..

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE
Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts
0992 31971

Portfolio Fd Acc	470.2		+0.1	..
Do Int	324.8		+0.1	..
Do Inv 6	470.1	494.9	+0.1	..
UK Equity	258.0	271.7	-0.7	..
Ocean Equity	134.5	141.7	-0.7	..
Smaller Cos	184.1	172.8	+0.1	..
Gilt Plus	134.7	141.9	+0.7	..
Do 66	134.4	131.1	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Dep	121.3	127.8	+0.3	..
Managed	152.5	202.7	+0.1	..
Inter Man	151.1	159.1	+0.1	..

GRESHAM UNIT
2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth
0202 752000

Managed Bond	447.6	471.7	-1.1	..
Money Fund	204.3	215.0	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	370.2	389.8	-1.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	150.0	158.6	-2.9	..
Property Fund	254.1	267.8	..	..

Gresham Fraklington

American & General	221.8	233.7	-2.2	..
Income	456.6	481.1	+5.0	..
International Growth	273.4	288.1	-4.6	..
Capital Fund	138.8	146.2	+0.7	..
Recovery Fund	316.3	333.3	-5.2	..
Japan & General	179.2	188.8	+2.2	..

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE
Royal Exchange London EC3
01-283 7101

Ass Prop Bds	515.4	536.8	..	..
Managed Index	315.0	331.6	+1.6	..
Managed	366.2	406.5	+2.1	..
Equity Index	469.2	493.9	+3.5	..
Do Accum	575.2	605.5	+4.5	..
Fixed Int. Index	279.3	294.0	+1.3	..
Do Accum	342.4	360.4	+1.7	..
Intl Index	327.3	344.5	-0.1	..
Do Accum	481.3	522.4	+0.1	..
Nth Amer Index	114.7	120.7	-0.6	..
Do Accum	128.0	134.7	-0.6	..
Pacific Index	192.5	202.6	-1.0	..
Do Accum	212.7	223.9	-1.0	..
Property Index	171.4	180.5	..	..
Do Accum	269.9	321.0	..	..
Index-Linked Inest	101.4	106.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum	113.1	119.1	+0.2	..
Deposit Index	145.0	152.6	+0.1	..
Do Accum	177.7	187.1	+0.2	..
Equity Inv Inv A	74.0	74.5	-1.0	..
Do Accum	73.0	76.8	-1.0	..
Unit Linked Inst Inc	70.8	74.5	-1.0	..
Do Accum	73.0	76.8	-1.0	..

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION
26 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA
01-638 5757

High Income Fund	318.4	338.1	+1.0	..
Gilt Edged Fund	92.9	98.1	..	..
Capital Growth Inc	269.1	305.2	+1.6	..
Technology Fund	137.6	145.3	-2.3	..
Natural Resources	107.9	113.9	-0.2	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Special Situations	258.7	273.1	+0.5	..
North America Fund	184.4	195.9	+1.1	..
Far East Fund	318.5	327.5	-2.8	..
Managed Fund	308.2	325.3	+0.6	..
Deposit Fund	147.1	154.9	+0.2	..
Prime Residential	165.3	174.1	..	..
Property Fund	220.0	231.6	+3.4	..
Managed Currency	112.5	118.8	+0.1	..
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FAMILY MONEY/1

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

New mortgage muddle

In traditional post-Budget style the Inland Revenue appears to be confused about how to implement at least one of the Chancellor's new measures – the abolition of multiple mortgage tax relief.

From August 1 it will no longer be possible for unmarried couples and groups of individuals to claim tax relief up to the ceiling of £30,000 each.

But it is not yet known whether house purchases will have to be completed by August 1 to qualify for multiple relief or whether the prospective buyers will simply need a formal, written mortgage offer.

At a press briefing on Thursday, Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that to qualify for relief on a home improvement loan the borrower would need either a written offer from a lender by April 6 or the lender would have had to note on its own files that a loan was to be offered.

The same system would apply to multiple mortgages for the August deadline.

Later, however, the Inland Revenue press office said that no decision had been made on the rules for mortgages. This would be clarified in the Finance Bill due out in about three weeks.

The building societies and the banks were also confused. On Thursday the Halifax Building Society said it had understood that purchases would have to be completed by August 1.

On Friday it said it expected that borrowers probably need only to have received an offer on a property by then.

"If the rule requires completion, people who exchange

'The Revenue may require an offer'

contracts at the end of July, but cannot for some reason complete until August, would miss out," said a spokesman for the society. "We sense that the Revenue will require an offer."

Those wanting to beat the deadline to qualify for multiple tax relief on one property should not wait for the Revenue to make up its mind.

The building societies and estate agents are expecting a rush of activity in the next four months and the sooner you find a property and get the conveyancing under way the better.

According to the Abbey National Building Society, a couple with a £60,000 mortgage would be £63 a month worse off under the new rules. A group of three with a £90,000 mortgage would pay £126 more.

Property Homeshare Club, the organization set up in February to arrange shared purchases, was inundated with inquiries after Tuesday.

"A lot of people are very worried about getting in before August," said Kenneth Collins, the managing director.

Property Homeshare Club is now offering to lend up to three times joint income for four individuals. The money is coming from a building society with endowment policies from Colonial Mutual.

David Duncan, of Chase de Vere, said he believed lenders might be more lenient on the amounts they would lend to groups ahead of August.

One lender on his books had said since Tuesday that it was prepared to lend two and a half times joint incomes, including bonuses and overtime. Previously only the basic salary had been taken into account.

'Lenders willing to be more lenient'

The highest multiple on Mr Duncan's books at present was three times the joint income of two applicants. Until recently lenders have been reluctant to advance more than three times the main income plus once the second or two and a quarter times joint incomes.

"Lenders have been wary in the past but now they are willing to take a more lenient view if they think the relationship is stable," said Mr Duncan. "Where high multiples are involved they usually insist that there is a contract between the parties to protect all interests."

Where groups borrow after August 1, the limit of £30,000 for relief will be shared equally between them. Three sharers, for example, will be entitled to individual limits of £10,000.

Where a married couple shares with another person, the limit will be allocated two-thirds to the couple, who can share it as they like between them, and one third to the other person.

Unmarried sharers with unequal loans, where some of the individuals are unable to use up all their limit, will be able to transfer their portion of the allowance to the other borrowers.

Maria Scott

A winner for the older woman

While the wealthy wife with her own nest egg has been hailed as the winner in the proposed reorganization of the taxation of husband and wife, it is in fact elderly wives who are poised to scoop the biggest bonanza.

Two million women recieve a pension on their husband's contributions, and this income is treated for tax purposes as if it was the husband's income. It cannot be offset against the wife's earned income allowance. So it is piled on top of the man's pension and any other income he may have.

If the couple have any savings they can easily end up paying tax. From April the combined pension of a man and his wife whose pension comes as a result of her husband's contributions adds up to £65.90 a week – £41.15 for the husband and £24.75 for the wife – or £3,426.80 a year, just £1,608.20 short of the married age allowance for 1988-89 of £5,035.

"It is not right to say that the beneficiaries are largely wealthy. The major beneficies will be the elderly," said Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Half the cost to the Treasury of the reform of taxation of husbands and wives will stem from the change in taxation of pensioner couples; and three-quarters of the cost will benefit basic taxpayers or non-taxpayers.



"It is wrong just to see independent taxation as of value to well-off people. You don't need to be rich to have savings," said Mr Lamont.

Women have to have made National Insurance contribution for 90 per cent of their working lives to qualify for a full pension in their own right. If a wife has a penion on her own contributions that is below the spouse's level, then it will be topped up by reference to the husband's contributions. The pension earned by her own contributions can be offset against the wife's earned income allowance but the top-up will count as her husband's income.

Independent taxation of husbands and wives will cost the Treasury £500 million in 1990-91 and £1,000 million in the full year 1991-92.

Treasury projections show that 1.2 million wives who earn less than £5,000 a year will save an average of £220 a year in tax each when they get their own tax allowance.



Norman Lamont: written offer

Sid's back, with a reminder

Sid is back. The character who sold British Gas to the public is being revived in an advertising campaign to remind shareholders that the third instalment on the shares is due by 3pm on April 19.

The amount to be paid is 40p per share. Reminder letters are being sent out next week and a telephone inquiry service has been set up to answer queries. The number to ring is 0272 373373.

If Sid drove you mad when the company was sold, try to be patient as he rears his ugly mug again in the next few weeks. Signs are that British Gas needs him. Research conducted in the past month shows that a third of the company's three million shareholders think they have already paid the full amount for their shares.

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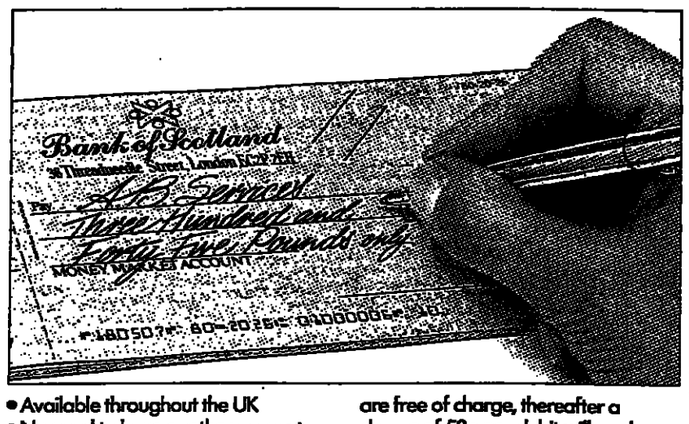
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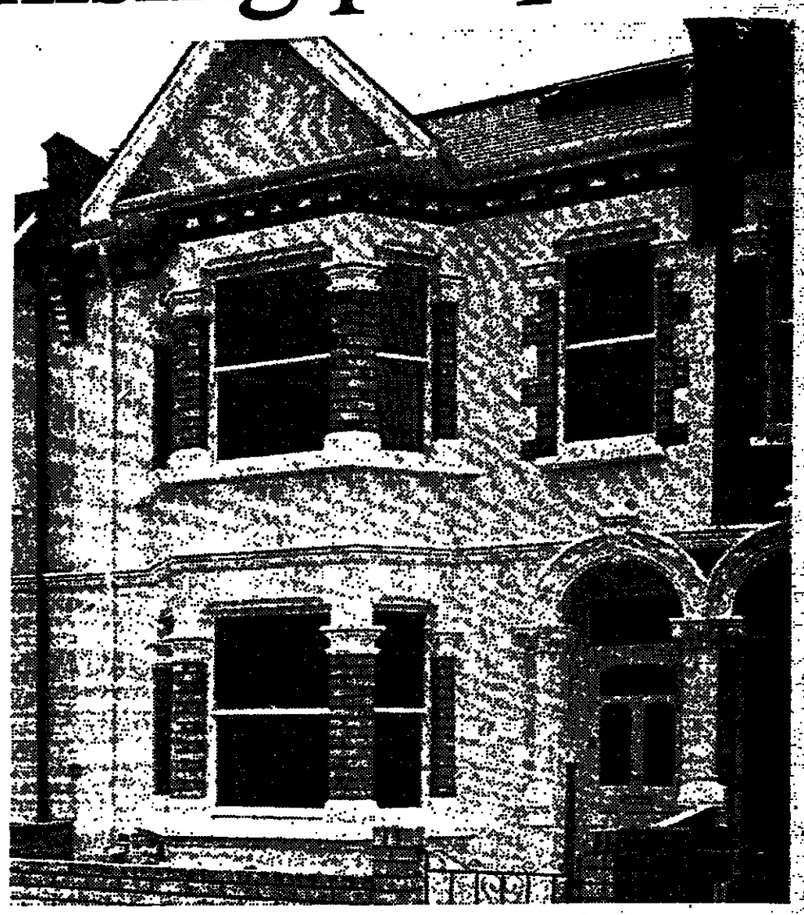
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Promising property



House for sale: Could this be a candidate for a BES with opportunities for healthy profits?

Barely concealed excitement has greeted the new opportunity to invest in property via the Business Expansion Scheme. The Budget changes may well have created a highly tax-efficient investment.

The BES already gives tax relief on investments of up to £40,000 in certain types of company. The relief is at your highest rates, so next year you can get 40 per cent tax relief.

The Chancellor has, however, extended the scheme so that it now covers investment in companies that own and let residential property. In other words, you will be able to buy into property at a maximum discount of 40 per cent.

You have to hold on to your investment for five years to preserve this 40 per cent bonus, but any gains you make on the investment if you then sell it will be free of Capital Gains Tax. The pundits are getting rather enthusiastic about the move into residential property lettings.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the accountancy firm, thinks it is likely to be "a most sought-after investment". Howard Leigh, of Deloitte, believes it will be particularly appealing to small groups of people who set up their own BES company buying one or two properties and letting them out.

John Spiers, a BES specialist, estimates that the new move could see £100 million of BES money going into the London property market during the next 12 months.

So far so good. However, we must wait until the Finance Bill is published to see the small print of this new BES scheme. What we know at the moment is that it will apply to the new-style assured tenancy being created under the Housing Bill.

This means that BES companies will be able to build or buy unlet houses or flats and let them on assured tenancies.

There will be a ceiling on the value of the houses or flats – £125,000 in London and £85,000 elsewhere. So you cannot buy up plush London properties and let them out under the scheme.

annual increase of 10 per cent," says Mr Hersham.

So at the end of five years, when BES investors can sell their shares, the rent on this basis would be around £16,000 a year – a return of more than 20 per cent a year gross.

The question is for how much you could then sell the property, given that it is occupied by a tenant.

If we assume a conservative increase of 7.5 per cent a year in property prices, the flat would now be worth £180,000 with vacant possession. Mr Hersham reckons there would be a discount of around 25 per cent for the tenant, so you end up with a price of about £135,000.

That is only one way of valuing the property. It could also be valued on the basis that it is producing gross rent of £16,000 a year. "On this basis alone the property should be very saleable," says Mr Hersham.

Remember that the property cost a net £75,000 initially, and you would make an 80 per cent tax-free gain on your money as well as sharing in the five years' worth of income payments.

Of course, our example ignores the cost of furnishing the property and other expenses that may not be chargeable to the tenant. At the same time furnishing costs, and costs such as repairs to the property, would be put down as expenses, which would reduce the company's tax bill.

If you decide on a DIY scheme either alone or with friends, you will need careful advice from an accountant or from a solicitor who knows the BES rules.

Alternatively, you could simply invest your money in one of the large BES issues or funds that will be launched to take advantage of the residential letting scheme.

The downside is that your investment will have to bear the usual costs such as sponsors' fees, printing and professional costs.

The Budget has also improved the position of BES funds, giving them more time to invest the money they raise. This should benefit investors. In the past the undue pressure on fund managers to invest before the end of the tax year led to some bad investment decisions.

Lawrence Lever

Third party settles rent disagreements

An assured tenancy is a new type of tenancy allowing landlords to charge market-value rents to their tenants. The landlord and tenant agree the terms of the letting at the outset. Once the tenancy expires the tenant has the automatic right to renew it.

Therefore, the tenant can continue in occupation but he has to agree the new rent with the landlord. If the two parties cannot reach agreement there is a right to refer the matter to a third party, who will calculate what the market-value rent should be.

The assured tenancy is intended to replace the present Rent Act tenancies and to encourage landlords to let out property to individuals.

At first sight, extending the BES to this area might not appear terribly attractive to investors. Although investors can buy residential property at a discount, they have to let it to a tenant who can, broadly speaking, stay there for as long as he continues to pay the rent. This will make the property worth less than it would be with vacant possession.

The returns on BES investment in assured lettings will depend on factors such as the movement in property prices and rents, and whether there will be purchasers willing to buy properties after five years if they are occupied by tenants, albeit ones who are paying market-value rents.

Your chances of making a good investment will obviously be much greater if the assured letting is in an area where house prices are expected to rise.

We went through some calculations with Gary Hersham, the head of London estate agents Beauchamp Estates, which suggest that you could make a handsome return if you set up your own BES residential letting company.

Say you set up a BES company with a few friends, put £125,000 into it to buy a London flat for this amount and then let it out under an assured tenancy. What rent would you get?

"I think that you would get around £10,000 gross," says Mr Hersham. There would, of course, be deductions from this for items such as rates and agents' commission, if you used an estate agent to manage the property.

Assuming that you qualify for tax relief at 40 per cent, the actual cost of the flat would be £75,000. A gross return of £10,000 on this is not bad.

It gets better because the assured tenancy does allow for rent reviews. "In our rental contracts we provide for an

Rent reviews in assured tenancy

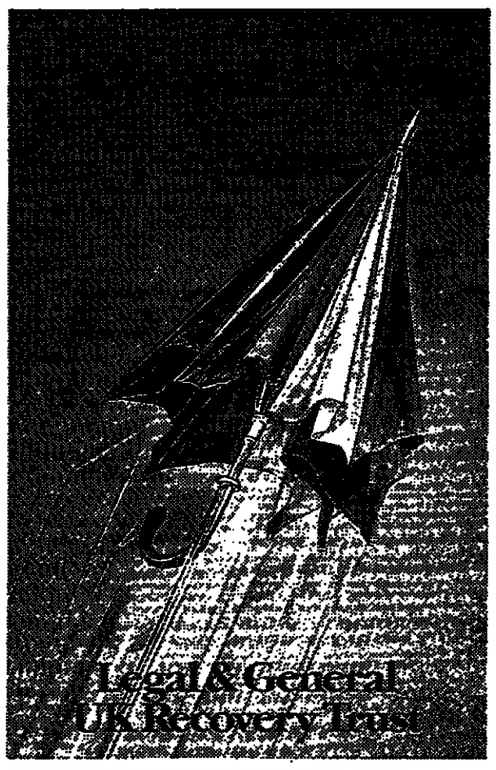
A Budget turn-off

Several companies seeking finance under the Government's Business Expansion Scheme, which gives generous tax breaks to investors, have been forced to withdraw from the market after amendments in the Budget.

The Chancellor imposed a ceiling of £500,000 on almost all individual BES companies. This limit came into effect immediately and meant that companies that had already raised more than £500,000 were barred from midnight on Tuesday from bringing in more money.

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FAMILY MONEY/3

A weary cheer for Lawson's new PEP



Tim Miller: "disappointed"

The City gave a weary cheer when Nigel Lawson raised the limits on Personal Equity Plans from £2,400 to £3,000 a year in the Budget, but it was only one cheer out of three.

The limit for unit trust investment within a PEP has been raised from £420 to £540. But Framlington, which runs a unique unit trust-only PEP, has decided to throw in the towel and give up PEPs.

"This is a great disappointment," said Framlington's managing director, Tim Miller. "Given a decent level of investment, these PEPs could have attracted hundreds of thousands of investors and could have achieved the Government's aims of expanding involved equity ownership."

Framlington launched special unit trusts to act as vehicles for PEPs — PEP 87 and PEP 88. The first attracted 9,555 investors and this year's PEP has nearly 5,000.

"We continued this year with PEP 88 in the hope that the limit for this type of PEP would be raised to £2,400," said Mr Miller. "It has in the event been raised only to £540. "At this level the margins are too narrow for the product to pay its way."

Fidelity has been postponing the launch of its 1988 PEPs plan until it saw what was in the Budget, and officially it is still keeping its options open.



Derek Booker: hoping

The Fidelity director Mary Blair is sceptical. "We are going to talk to the brokers and advisers about just how many more people are likely to come into PEPs with the Chancellor's concessions," she says. "It is only then that we shall decide whether to launch a PEPs plan for 1988, but we'll need a great deal of convincing."

The other big players in the PEPs market — Lloyds Bank, Save & Prosper and Barclays — certainly all asked the Chancellor to make more effective concessions. At the moment they believe that with a fall in marginal tax rates the increase will just about compensate people for the relief they have lost at the previous higher rate.

Derek Booker, Lloyds' PEP manager, said: "We hope that all those investors who have waited for the Chancellor's announcement will now go ahead and subscribe to their 1988 PEP."

One of the great criticisms of PEP schemes has been the very high cost of administration. The Chancellor has at least always allowed a degree of broad appeal by allowing them to invest up to 25 per cent of their assets in unit trusts.

Raising the overall limits will mean that existing PEPs holders can put money into their present schemes. Lloyds and the Midland may send out reminders to their existing holders in the next couple of weeks. But the process of contacting the 53,000 Lloyds investors to tell them they can beef up their investment schemes will not come cheap.

Ken Emery, Save & Prosper's marketing manager, sees no reason for urgency. "We'll certainly remind people about the new concessions but I can't see us doing it immediately," he says. "I just don't think that people are going to be that interested."

The banks and unit trusts that offer PEPs schemes believe that if the Chancellor really wants to bring new investors into the share market, he will have to offer tax relief on contributions just as he does for mortgages.

That's certainly what the French do under the *Loi Monory*, but the Chancellor could hardly build new tax shelters — just as he was demolishing old ones.

PEPs plans were originally to be the Government's mechanism to persuade savers to be risk-takers, but the concessions are cumbersome.

If you invest your £3,000 a year in a PEP it has to remain there for a full calendar year to qualify for the concessions at all. So people investing now will not be able to get their money out before the beginning of 1990 if they are to get the reliefs.

The first concession allows you tax-free income from your investments in the form of dividends and so on. But as Miss Blair, of Fidelity, one of the biggest PEP groups, points out, most people invest for capital growth and not for income.

What is more, the tax concessions if you pay tax at the higher rate looked more attractive when the top marginal rate was 60 per cent than they do now that the Chancellor has cut the top rate to 40 per cent.

The concessions on Capital Gains Tax look temporarily more attractive than they did. After all, Mr Lawson cut the Capital Gains Tax allowance from £6,600 to £5,000 a year and has ensured that the tax rate in the next financial year will not be the standard 30 per cent as it is now but will be the same as your top tax rate.

The combination of a lower tax allowance and a marginally higher tax rate will mean that more people are potentially liable for Capital Gains Tax next tax year than they are in the present one.

All the same, very few ordinary investors have to worry about Capital Gains Tax and the numbers will be still fewer after Black Monday. So only marginally more people will find the concession useful.

The tax rules allowing husbands and wives to be treated completely separately come in in 1990. Any couple with an accountant — or an atom of common sense — will split their assets between them so that they will have two separate allowances worth £5,000 and the starting point for capital gains will be effectively £10,000.

So concessions on a tax no one has to pay will not bring the punters flocking in to join the 250,000 existing PEPs holders.

The Chancellor's extra tax concessions, according to the City, are not so much action as going through the public relations motions and will not make PEPs plans any more than the affluent person's tax shelter that they are now.

Tom Tickell

Blow for broken families

The Chancellor's decision to take maintenance out of the tax net will leave broken families worse off, say those who champion divided marriage partners.

While the maintenance payers will lose all their tax relief except for £1,490 — the difference between the single and married man's allowance — the payments will be tax-free to the recipient.

But these people, usually the wives, seldom pay any tax anyway. Only wives with very generous settlements stand to gain from the change. On the other side, the husband paying the maintenance might try to say that as he no longer receives tax relief on the payments, he cannot afford to keep them at former levels.

It was, perhaps, because this was a tax-cutting Budget that it was at all possible to deny tax relief to those paying maintenance.

Brian Dodgeon, tax adviser to the National Council for One-Parent Families, said: "We can't condemn it outright because we have been pressing the Government to simplify the law on maintenance, but we don't welcome it as much as we would have done 10 years ago."

In the past 10 years organizations such as his have been advising divorcing or separating couples to get court orders settled directly on any children.

This uses the children's personal tax allowance and means that very few wives receiving maintenance pay any tax at all.

A woman with two children will have to be getting more than £9,305 a year — her personal allowance of £4,095 plus the children's personal allowances of £2,605 each — through a court order to be any better off, as she would not be liable for tax.

James Pirrie, a solicitor in the matrimonial department of London solicitors Russell Jones & Walker, says: "As a solicitor dealing with divorcing couples, encouraging earning husbands to agree a settlement following a divorce will now prove much more difficult as the old benefits of paying maintenance have all but ceased to exist."

He points out that a man earning £53,000 a year, with two children at private schools, might pay his ex-wife £16,000 a year plus £1,500 to each of the children and school fees of £6,000 — a grand total of £25,000. But the new maintenance rules will leave the family £2,100 worse off than before.

The impact of the change on a £15,000-a-year man will be even more dramatic. If he paid his ex-wife and their two children £6,500 a year, the husband's net income under the new rules drops from £6,860 to £5,774 and the total family income drops by nearly £1,100 from £13,360 to £12,274.

"Under the new rules, the maximum benefit that can be obtained by paying maintenance for the basic-rate taxpayer is £372.50 a year," says Mr Pirrie.

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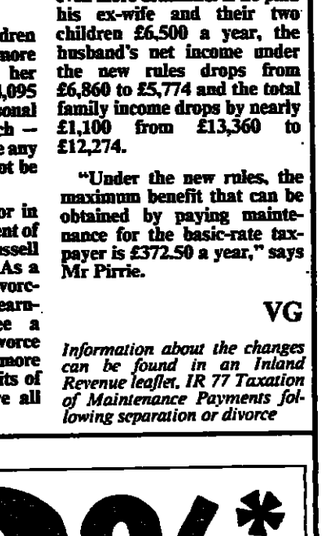
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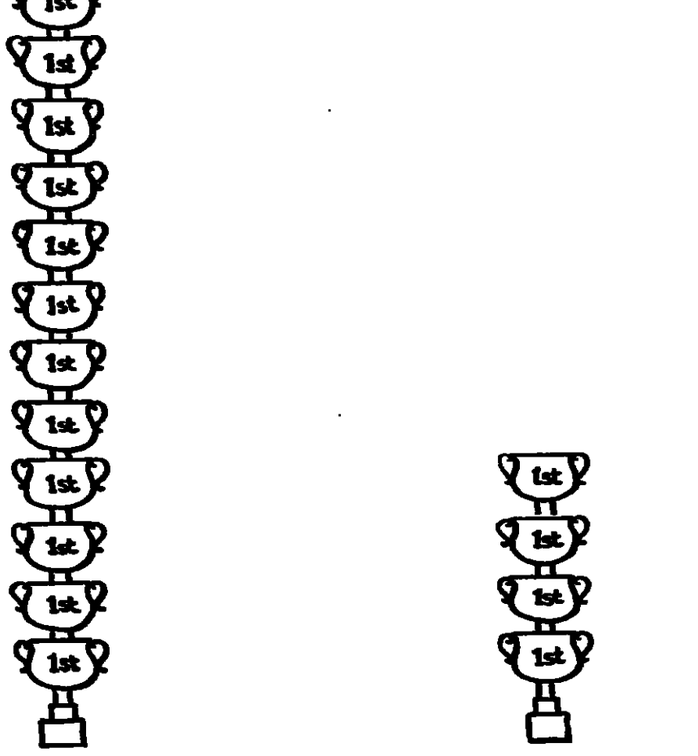
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Employers take tough line on personal pensions

Anybody opting out of a company pension scheme lured by the portability of a personal pension could sacrifice a range of benefits, a Confederation of British Industry survey has found.

Under legislation effective from April, company pension scheme membership will not be compulsory, and from July employees will be able to take out personal pensions.

But benefits that could be lost include life cover, disability benefits and benefits for dependants on the pension holder's death, says the CBI.

The survey of 260 pension schemes found that 78 per cent of companies said they would make no contributions to employees' personal pension plans. Only two said they would definitely make a contribution but that it would be at a lower level than in their company schemes.

Additional cover would also be withdrawn. Half the companies said they would not give life cover and 71 per cent turned their backs on dependants' cover. Of those giving disability cover, two-thirds intended to exclude that when an employee opted for a personal pension. About 60 per cent said they would definitely or probably exclude those taking personal pensions from life cover, dependants' benefits and disability cover.

Rod Thomas, the CBI's employment affairs director,

More are bringing in flexible retirement

said: "Figures like these should make employees think twice before giving up the benefits which many company pension schemes provide. Personal pensions have an important part to play in providing income in retirement, but for many of those in good company schemes the benefits of a personal pension are not likely to compare favourably."

The survey found 81 per cent of pension funds were contracted out and 22 per cent were non-contributory. In 97 per cent of schemes benefits were linked to pay near retirement.

More companies are gradually introducing flexible retirement arrangements. Among the largest pension funds 61 per cent now have such arrangements but overall 31 per cent of schemes have brought in flexibility for early, or later, retirement than the normal age. A further 22 per cent are considering introducing this.

Now that it is unlawful to force women retire earlier than men, 60 per cent of employers now operate equal retirement ages. Most allow women to stay until 65, enabling them to earn an enhanced pension.

Derek Harris
Industrial Editor



Unit trusts live again

Unit trusts lost much of their allure after the stock market crash in October but they are being viewed in a more favourable light now that the tax system has been dramatically overhauled.

"Budget announcements gave the unit trust industry a big boost," said Peter Pearson-Lund, managing director of Gartmore Fund Managers. "My first impression is that the Chancellor's radical reforms to taxation will greatly increase the attractions of investing in unitized vehicles, especially for higher-rate tax payers."

For the unit trust industry, the Budget benefits come as a welcome ray of sunshine after a winter of almost unrelieved gloom. Investors deserted trusts in droves after Black Monday and it has been an uphill battle to coax them to come back.

Nigel Lawson's package improves prospects for unit trusts in a number of ways.

First, there is the scrapping of the awkwardly named Unit Trust Instrument Duty, levied when new units are created, at a rate of 0.25 per cent of assets in a fund. This came into effect from midnight on Budget day.

The Chancellor made it clear that the benefit ought to be passed on to consumers in the form of reduced costs. And many companies moved fast to comply.


Peter Pearson-Lund: "a boost"

Gartmore, for example, trimmed the spread between its bid and offer prices, by 0.25 per cent immediately. The cost of buying into one of the group's trusts costs less than it did this time last week and sellers receive more.

A similar move was made at Fidelity. Henderson Unit Trust Management also trimmed spreads but only on the trusts where the company needs to create new units to satisfy demand. This is to reflect the fact that the duty was applied only on newly created units.

The effect of this move on investors will generally be measured in pennies rather than pounds. And it would easily be overtaken if market conditions were to force a general widening of spreads.

Roger Cornick, marketing director of Perpetual Unit Trust Management, said companies are facing such a battery of increasing costs that he

Benefits expected from tax changes

doubts whether investors will feel the effect of the scrapping of instrument duty.

The abolition will improve the attractions of money funds, which unit trust companies will be allowed to launch from April under new Department of Trade regulations.

These funds will invest in a variety of cash-based instruments enabling unit trusts to compete with banks and building societies, something that has become particularly important since the crash.

Trust managers are worried about having to market these with a spread – a difference between the buying and selling prices – but instrument duty would have forced this on them.

Unit trusts expect considerable benefits through the cuts in income tax and the alterations to rules on Capital Gains Tax.

Marketing people within the industry are itching to get their hands on some of the increased disposable income available through tax cuts.

For wealthier individuals this may be measured in hundreds of pounds a week and much attention will be paid to the higher-rate taxpayer.

'Investment likely from high earners'

"The significant reduction in income tax has raised the amount of money available for investment," said Mr Pearson-Lund. "Unit trust savings schemes will be one of the first beneficiaries for those who want to use their additional monthly income for investment."

Barry Bateman, of Fidelity, said: "I have a feeling that we are going to see a fairly major hike in investment by high earners."

With markets dull and volatile, unit trust savings schemes are particularly attractive because buying more units when prices are high and buying fewer when prices drop bring down the average cost of an investment over time to below the average cost of that unit trust.

Changes in Capital Gains Tax rules mean that higher-rate taxpayers are likely to be paying more on gains in the next tax year than in the present one. Thus it becomes less attractive to concentrate investments in non-income-producing assets.

Like savings schemes, income trusts have also become more attractive since markets lost their sparkle – high yields shore up the value of shares when prices are falling.

Peter Twyman, assistant director of investment marketing at Allied Dunbar, said: "The whole landscape has shifted."

Unit trusts do not pay Capital Gains Tax on their investments as they are accumulating, and the trust companies see this as an attraction for them now against direct investment in the stock market.

There is also a view that offshore umbrella funds, under which money can be switched among a wide variety of sub-funds without incurring Capital Gains Tax, will become more attractive.

"The bloke playing the market and paying more in CGT might be induced to buy into unit trusts," explained Ben Gooden, a director of M&G Securities.

Another fillip from the Budget is the exemption from Capital Gains Tax of gains accrued before March 31, 1982. This could prompt large-scale selling of assets bought before then and held to avoid Capital Gains Tax.

Allied Dunbar and others are ready to welcome anyone who wants to use a share exchange scheme to swap unwanted shares for unit trusts.

Independent taxation for married couples is still two years away but even this is bringing smiles to the managers' faces.

"The introduction of independent taxation for married couples in 1990 will entitle both husband and wife to their own threshold of £5,000 each for CGT purposes," says Mr Pearson-Lund. "This should encourage investment by both parties."

Maria Scott

Insurance bonds with the benefits

Unit trusts are not the only forms of investment to get a boost from the Budget. Insurance-linked investment schemes also get a fillip.

Now that Capital Gains Tax is no longer payable on gains accrued before March 31, 1982, insurance companies can release money set aside to cover liabilities on investments made before that date.

This should feed through to the value of their funds and to the value of investors' policies, both unit-linked and with-profits.

Ian McIntosh, a marketing manager with the Standard Life company, explained: "All our ordinary life assurance policies will benefit from this. Quite a number of our investments must have been secured before 1982."

The amount involved would be "fairly small stuff" for every individual's policy, but it "builds up over the years".

Higher-rate taxpayers should find insurance bonds a more attractive means of saving now. On non-qualifying policies higher-rate taxpayers must pay tax on the proceeds. They are not liable for the basic rate but for the margin between that and their top rate. Reduction in the top rate of 60 per cent to 40 per cent greatly reduces a higher-rate taxpayer's liability on such policies.

"In future no one would have to pay more than 15 per cent tax on the gain, whereas the maximum was 33 per cent before," said Mr McIntosh.

Although the attractions of insurance bonds have increased for higher-rate taxpayers, they have been reduced for those paying the basic rate. With the basic rate of tax down to 25 per cent, the margin between this and what an insurance company pays in tax on its funds has increased further.

Like their counterparts in the unit trust industry, insurance companies are also limbering up for the hard-sell following the announcement of big tax cuts.

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FAMILY MONEY/5

Shelter for the self-employed

The Budget should have put a rocket underneath anyone who is self-employed and dithering over making payments into a pension policy.

Apart from the benefits of getting a 226 self-employed pension contract in place before July when this facility will be withdrawn in favour of personal pensions, there is every reason to shelter highly taxed income before the tax rates come down.

Normally, you obtain relief against earnings that are assessed for the tax year in which you pay the premiums. But you have the option of taking back premiums to the previous tax year, or the one before that if you had no net relevant earnings in the previous year.

The election must be made within three months of the end of the tax year when the premiums are paid and should specify the amount to be carried back. So you have until the beginning of July to take action.

After the huge tax cuts it will be even more worthwhile than ever to carry back premiums paid in 1988-89 to the previous year.

For a top-rate taxpayer whose marginal rate is cut from 60 to 40 per cent a pension premium of £10,000 which is carried back will result in a saving of £2,000.

Any premium payments made before the end of this tax year would normally be allowed against 1987-88 assessments, unless you make the carry-back election.

In 1986-87 the basic rate was 29 per cent, compared with 27 per cent in 1987-88. Thus, if you pay no more than the basic rate of tax, by electing for a £2,500 premium to be taken back from 1987-88 to 1986-87, you will make a tax saving of £50, that is, £2,500 x (29 per cent - 27 per cent).

An added advantage of jumping on the carry-back wagon is that you obtain tax relief much sooner. You are likely to have paid your 1986-87 income tax and will thus obtain a repayment, possibly together with a tax repayment supplement.

Premiums limited to earnings percentage

The one-year carry-back provision is being continued into the Personal Pension Scheme rules. At the same time, the six-year rule also continues.

The amount of pension premiums you can pay in any tax year is restricted to a percentage of your net relevant earnings. These are broadly from non-pensionable employments, businesses or professions, less certain business deductions.

The percentage is normally 17.5 per cent but a higher limit applies for older taxpayers for 1987-88, as follows:

Age at April 6, 1987	%
51-55	20
56-60	22.5
61 or more	27.5

Previously, a similar but less beneficial scale applied and thus you may find that you have a higher percentage for 1987-88 than before.

The six-year rule applies where your pension premiums for any tax year are less than the maximum percentage of your net relevant earnings.

You are allowed to carry forward the unused relief for up to six years to support future premium payments. Any relief not used within six years is lost.

Thus, supposing you are under 51 and your net relevant earnings for 1986-87 were £20,000, your maximum premium would be 17.5 per cent, making £3,500. Assuming you paid retirement annuity premiums in 1986-87 totalling £2,500, you would have £1,000 of unused relief to carry forward.

Similarly, supposing that you also had unused relief totalling £4,000 for the previous five years, you would have £5,000 carried forward to 1987-88.

If your net relevant earnings for that year are £30,000, 17.5 per cent gives £5,250 and you will thus be able to make up to £10,250 of premium payments.

Once allowable premiums have been paid, they can be set off against your relevant taxable earnings. You should try to use the six-year surplus relief in years when your earnings bear the highest rates of tax.

The age range is changed to 50-75

From July 1 personal pensions will operate with rules closely following those for 226 contracts. But payments made before then come within the old rules and the pension can continue to run under the scheme even if further premiums are paid.

One important difference is that under the old arrangements the normal age at which benefits could be taken was between 60 and 75. In certain occupations, the Inland Revenue allows an annuity to start at an earlier age. Under the new arrangements the age range is from 50 to 75.

Another important point is the size of the tax-free lump sum on retirement. At present this is three times the annual pension that would remain after taking the lump sum.

Under the Personal Pension Scheme arrangements, the maximum lump sum is 25 per cent of the fund, with a maximum of £150,000 for every scheme. This is likely to be less than on the old basis. Thus it is better to start regular contracts before July 1, 1988.

To sum up, if you paid much tax for 1986-87, consider taking back your 1987-88 premiums to te previous year. At the same time, you might use all or part of your surplus relief for the past six years.

For 1988-89 premium payments, if tax rates have fallen for that year, take back the relief for one year. At the same time, consider whether you should enter into any new retirement annuity contracts before July 1.

Walter Sinclair

The author is a national tax partner in the chartered accountants Kidsons, and is author of the Allied Dunbar Tax Guide 1987-88

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The bank suggested purchasing dollars and posting them in a registered envelope — *not a very satisfactory* alternative. You can use a Eurocheque, but not all American banks accept these.

What about the other high street banks? Midland offers similar arrangements — a minimum charge of £5 for amounts up to £500. At both banks you have to be an account customer.

Lloyds offered me an American Express money order, for which I would be charged £3.50 to £4, depending on the exact amount. I need not open an account, just hand over the necessary cash.

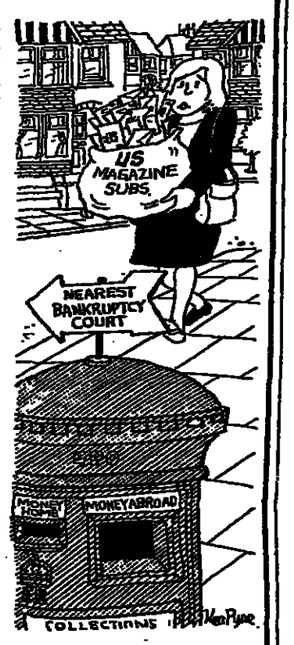
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At the Post Office I was given a Girobank form, Sending Money Abroad.

Briefly, payment must be *in cash*, unless you make a transaction by post. For a payment made by a bank cheque drawn in the local currency, you pay a flat rate of £3.50. For a payment made to the recipient in cash, this is possible in a few specified countries when the charge is £5 — but only five countries accept cash.

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1984	£73	£2086	"	"
1983	£91	£2605	"	"
1982	£104	£2978	"	"
1980	£124	£3554	"	"
1977	£206	£5908	"	"
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1978	£129	£3709	"	"
1976	£195	£5581	"	"
1974	£201	£5770	"	"
1973	£156	£4471	"	"
1972	£202	£5786	"	"
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1	+5	+2	+3	+2	+2		
2	+4	+4	+6	+4	+3		
3	+5	+7	+8	+3	+5		
4	+5	+2	+4	+5	+7		
5	+5	+5	+3	+3	+2		
6	+4	+3	+5	+6	+4		
7	+4	+2	+5	+2	+2		
8	+7	+5	+6	+2	+6		
9	+4	+4	+5	+3	+1		
10	+3	+3	+3	+4	+2		
11	+4	+3	+5	+2	+8		
12	+3	+4	+4	+3	+3		
13	+5	+5	+4	+5	+4		
14	+7	+6	+5	+4	+6		
15	+5	+1	+4	+4	+3		
16	+6	+3	+5	+5	+5		
17	+5	+5	+3	+2	+2		
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39	+4	+4	+3	+4	+2		
40	+4	+3	+5	+7	+5		
41	+3	+2	+3	+1	+3		
42	+5	+2	+5	+2	+2		
43	+4	+6	+4	+5	+3		
44	+5	+7	+6	+4	+8		

FAMILY MONEY/6

£100m target for giving



Charity that works: the hydrotherapy pool partly financed by Allied Dunbar employees

The Chancellor gave a boost this week to the payroll giving scheme. "To the *what?*" you may well ask.

It is a scheme for charitable giving, which allows PAYE employees to donate a sum, doubled this week to £240 a year, free of tax, to the charities of their choice.

The minimum commitment is three months and employees can donate from as little as 25p a month to a maximum of £20. The effect of the tax break is that from April a £240 donation costs a basic-rate taxpayer £180.

When the scheme was introduced last April — the Chancellor announced it in his 1986 Budget — charities *thought they were on to a* winner. But the scheme has not proved as popular as expected and they hope that the Budget boost may help to improve its attractions.

Now that money available to the promoters of worthy causes through covenanted payments is reduced by the cuts in tax rates, charities will want to appeal for increased donations to make up the losses. Payroll giving could be given a harder sell.

Disorganized ways of contributing

The scheme is a welcome way of bringing stability to the charities' flow of income. They are constantly faced with the problem of most people contributing in a disorganized way — a rush of generosity to the head at Christmas or random contributions to held-out collection boxes.

So although the average household in this country gives £6.20 a month to charity, the charities themselves never know how much they will get every year, and jump from crisis to crisis instead of being able to plan ahead.

Payroll giving brings in money on a longer-term basis. It is also a trouble-free way of donating money to charity. Employees hardly notice a slightly smaller pay cheque, and employers have only to send off a single cheque to an appointed agency, such as the *Charities Aid Foundation* or Barnardo's Agency. These then act as a clearing house and distribute the money to the charities.

The scheme is on offer to all civil servants, the armed forces, most big name companies and many statutory services. In its first year of operation, Give As You Earn, the name given to the payroll giving plan run by the Charities Aid Foundation, has signed up 36,500 employees through 1,400 employers.

But generally the take-up is seen as disappointing.

Dr Barnardo's says fewer than 5 per cent of employees in many City businesses have joined the scheme. Not enough people know about it and companies need to be reassured that costs are negligible.

Bill Bruty, fund-raising officer for the Spastics Society, is eager to get the message over to employees.

He says: "The tax advantage is to the individual, whereas when you pay money to a charity under a deed of covenant, it is the charity which reclaims the income tax and gains the tax advantage. Give As You Earn also allows you to make a donation you feel you can afford.

"It's a chance for people to be intelligent about the way they give, to think of the most effective way. After all, no one would dream of investing £240 without any thought. With this system, you can give to any registered charity and also to any cause deemed to be charitable, including your local church and some parent-teacher groups.

Donors invited to take an interest

"We find people are concerned about where the money goes. They like it to go back into the community. Those who donate through payroll giving are invited to take a personal interest in the Spastics Society's work by visiting schools and centres for people with disabilities."

Most people choose one or two charities and 20 per cent choose local charities rather than national ones. Donations from employees at the finance house Allied Dunbar, for example, have helped with the running costs of a hydrotherapy pool for a local charity in Swindon, Wiltshire. The top areas attracting donations are children, medical relief and overseas developments.

David Wickert, director of Give As You Earn, considers the scheme potentially exciting. "We have paid money to about *900 different charities,*" he said, "and the average amount a month that employees in the scheme are giving is £6.15. Some charities have been disillusioned because they did not get the sums they expected. But we have written to others to say we have some money for them and they say, 'Oh, how fantastic'.

"We are planning and looking for ways in which the scheme can be extended and people encouraged to contribute. Some people feel a bit remote when faced with a form. For example, it doesn't feel as personal as putting money into a tin.

"But from mid-May people will be able to choose their charity over the phone. Instead of filling in a form, they can dial a number, give their name and that of their employer.

"Give As You Earn has not been taken on board over here in quite the exciting way it has in the United States, where some $2.3 billion a year is raised from payroll giving. But we're hoping.

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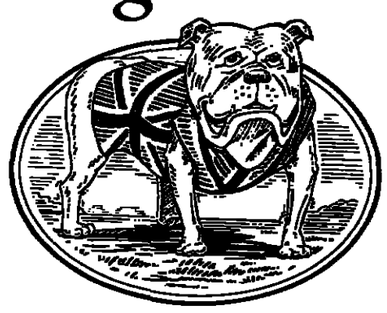
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However, there is change in the air on grants in the shape of an Environment Department consultation document, *Home Improvement Policy — A New Approach*, which outlines proposals for changing the grant system.

Legislation, needed to effect any changes, will not be drafted until later this year. The consultation paper says: "The overall objectives of the changes which the Government intends to introduce are to secure better targeting, to streamline the system wherever possible, and to encourage take-up by those who need assistance."

The Government believes the present system, involving four types of improvement grant, should be greatly simplified. It therefore proposes to introduce a single form of grant assistance for people who "lack the resources to do all or part of the work themselves". It will cover both repair and improvement up to clearly defined standards.

At present the only test of ability to pay is the rateable value of the property and, although the applicants must provide an estimate of costs, they do not normally have to show they could not do the work without a grant. The Government wants to see more of a means test.

In future, rateable values will be ignored, and the present arbitrary system of age limits on the property could be replaced by a more flexible arrangement allowing housing authorities to make grants to all but the most recently built properties — where responsibility for defects should lie with the builder.

The main income test is likely to be compatible with the new provisions for Income Support Housing Benefit. Nevertheless, its scope will reflect the nature and extent of repair and improvement costs, and the system will recognize the difference between resources needed for meeting weekly commitments and those needed for the finance of occasional capital sums. It will also try to avoid a sudden cut-off point for grant assistance that could "provide a disincentive to work".

Basically, households with a net income below a certain threshold figure will be entitled to assistance with the full costs of eligible work. Grants will then be progressively reduced on a single sliding scale as income rises above the threshold figure.

The rate of reduction in grants is expected to be based on what the additional income could finance if a loan could be taken out from a building society, bank or other financial institution.

The upshot of all this is that anyone who fails the means test will be forced on to private sector loans and will therefore be affected by the loss of tax relief on the loan.

Grant eligibility will also take account of the applicant's status. For example, owner-occupiers will continue to be eligible for grants. Private sector landlords will be eligible for discretionary grants, but they will have to show



they intend to let the property for at least five years. The consultation paper is silent on public sector tenants. The basis for their grants has yet to be resolved.

There will be a new Minimum Standard of Fitness — otherwise known as Fitness for Human Habitation. For owner-occupiers, grants to bring property up to the new fitness standard will be *mandatory*, where the owners lack sufficient resources to undertake the work themselves. Where property is privately rented, this will be on a *discretionary* basis only.

The consultation paper suggests that other work may often be desirable to improve property, as well as extending its useful life. Grants will be available on a *discretionary* basis for any works required to bring the property up to a new Target Standard.

This standard will operate as a maximum and, provided the property reaches a reasonable standard of repair, local authorities will have the flexibility to relax the Target Standard where they judge it necessary.

For example, there may be circumstances in which a large scale project is considered unnecessary — homes insulation possibly — or where the applicant is unwilling or unable to undertake the full range of work to bring the property up to standard, but may wish to carry out a few small, but essential works.

Local authorities will be empowered to make smaller grants. The detailed scope has yet to be settled, but it is likely to include grants for insulation work and to enable elderly people to stay in their own homes or to move in with relatives. Grants will be restricted to certain types of work, and will be available only where it is clear that the smaller grant is the most cost-effective option.

In some limited cases, says the consultation document, *discretionary* grants should be recoverable. These are:

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- If landlords sell with vacant possession within five years they will be forced to repay the full grant.

The Government suggests that grants should continue to be available to adapt homes for disabled owners and occupants. The grants should continue to be *mandatory* for some work and *discretionary* in other cases. The Environment Department is calling for views on what scope the *mandatory* provision should take.

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The lenders decide to wait and see

A cut in base rates used to be an almost certain sign that mortgage rates would quickly tumble too. But lenders did not leap on the bandwagon this week. The three largest building societies, still good indicators of how rates will move, said they wanted to watch and wait.

John Spalding, chief executive of the Halifax Building Society, said: "Owing to the current uncertainty in market rates we shall need to see a more settled situation before any changes can be made."

But he added the important rider: "The Halifax is determined to price mortgages as keenly as it did in 1987. We will do what we need to in order to stay competitive."

The Halifax also has in mind the need to keep interest rates for savers attractive.

The 0.5 percentage point drop in base rates to 8.5 per cent on Thursday merely reversed the 0.5 rise at the beginning of February, a rise that did not prompt a general increase in mortgage rates.

But the fact is that mortgage rates need not slavishly follow base rates and they are less and less likely to.

Brian Whitfield, general manager of the Nationwide Anglia, the third largest building society, said: "The more important factors now are the wholesale market rates, which tend to fluctuate more widely than the base rate, and also the cost of retail money."

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has just announced an increase in mortgage rates from 10 to 10.3 per cent – the rate charged by

'Competition is the incentive'

the Halifax and the Nationwide – taking effect from July. At 10 per cent the C&G was undercutting its rivals.

Richard Hatt, C&G's assistant general manager, did not foresee a change of heart by his society after the base rate cut. The 10 per cent was set in December when the base rate was the same as now, but Mr Hatt said the society would want to see another downward shift before reconsidering.

"The incentive to move mortgage rates at the moment is competition in the market," he said.

The cost of writing to borrowers and sending the letters runs into millions of pounds for the larger societies. So they are understandably reluctant to move them more often than necessary. Last year some of them ended up with egg on their faces when plans for a sharp reduction had to be reversed after market conditions moved against them.

Smaller lenders have more flexibility. The Mortgage Trust, a subsidiary of a Scandinavian bank, reacted quickly on Thursday, trimming the rate on its Premier Gold Mortgage Scheme from 9.9 to 9.5 per cent. And yesterday the Chase Manhattan Bank cut from 9.99 to 9.85 per cent for new borrowers.

Mortgage brokers Chase de Vere reported that this was now the lowest rate on its books. The highest was 10.5 per cent, mostly applied to riskier loans such as 100 per cent advances.

David Duncan, a mortgage consultant with the brokers,

Lower rates aimed at attracting borrowers

said he expected some other lenders to move, but most wanted to wait and see how interest rates went.

The spread in rates quoted by Chase de Vere shows just how widely the cost of borrowing for a home varies now.

However, all is not quite what it seems from a simple scan of the figures.

Many of the lower rates available are special offers to attract new borrowers. Competition has brought packaging and marketing to the mortgage business, and as with the rock-bottom airline ticket, there is normally a drawback of some type. Many of the special deals are prepacked by insurance companies, so you must take out an endowment or pension policy and you have no choice about the company used.

This becomes particularly unattractive if it involves cashing in an existing endowment – penalties are usually harsh and if the policy has run for only a year or two there may be no refund at all.

There is also a growing trend among lenders to put attractive rates on special schemes or limited offers of funds while retaining a standard rate for existing borrowers.

Even the much vaunted LIBOR-linked mortgage, which floats at a set amount above the rates at which banks lend to one another, can give borrowers a bumpier ride than the marketing hype suggests. Interest rates on these are reviewed regularly and more frequently than ordinary bank or building society rates.

Those wanting a straight repayment mortgage with no frills will probably find that their choice of interest rate is much narrower than they expected.

Maria Scott

Carers' concession lost

The tax concession to people who house dependent relatives has been withdrawn. Those who bought a house or flat for a relative have been able to get full tax relief on a loan up to £30,000 on top of the £30,000 limit for their own property.

But this concession, applying to separated and divorced couples and other dependent relatives, goes from April 6.

Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said this week that the Budget had abolished this help with dependants "for tidying-up purposes". He said: "If the relative has an interest in the property and pays the interest themselves, even if they are funded by the relative, then they will get tax relief."

Anyone at the moment receiving mortgage interest relief on a property for a dependant will continue to get it for the life of the loan.

At present there is also no Capital Gains Tax on homes provided free for a dependent relative, but any property sold after April 6 will attract capital gains tax relief only if it would have qualified on April 6. But the relief will apply only for the periods during which the relative actually occupied the property.

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" " "	5.88	5.91	4.45	3.24	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	6.11	6.25	4.71	3.42	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	6.21	6.36	4.79	3.48	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.21	6.35	4.78	3.48	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Bank Chq A/c	6.58	6.79	5.12	3.72	1,000 min	—	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	6.11	6.26	4.72	3.43	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	5.80	5.97	4.50	3.27	500 min	—	0708 766966
Schroder Wagg	5.83	6.00	4.52	3.29	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
TSB HICA	5.00	5.00	4.75	2.74	2,000 min	1 yr	01-606 7070
Tyndall Call	6.26	6.41	4.83	3.51	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.13	6.27	4.72	3.44	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	5.83	5.96	4.49	3.27	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4681
Western Trust	6.06	6.23	4.70	3.41	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	5.12	3.85	2.80	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
33rd Issue Cert*†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.76			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
General portfolio	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 31971
General portfolio	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 31971
General portfolio	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 31971
American life	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	01 680 6000
Blackhorse life	8.25	8.25	6.22	4.52	2,000 min	5 yrs	0634 405161
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS							
Northampton	6.72	6.72	5.06	3.68	500 min	1 yr	—
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	2 yrs	—
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	4 yrs	—
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	5 yrs	—
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	6 yrs	—
Vale of Glamorgan	5.75	5.75	4.33	3.15	500 min	8 yrs	—
Bristol	7.00	7.00	5.27	3.84	1,000 min	9 yrs	—
Bristol	7.00	7.00	5.27	3.84	1,000 min	10 yrs	—
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	7.89	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.78	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.29	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.37	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.53	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	0.55	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] Major banks: Lloyds 2.8% & Midland 2.75%. [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [3] 2.5 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [5] Charge for instant access

KEY RATES



Retail Prices Index (Jan '87 to Jan '88)
+3.3%

Mortgage rate*
10%-10.5%

Bank base rate
8.5%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
11.5-16% APR

Personal loan rate*
20% APR

Credit card rate*
23.1% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
2.5%

Building society ordinary account
4%

High-interest cheque account*
6%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	201.47
French franc	10.28
Greek drachma	235.62
Italian lira	2237.40

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	8.50%

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Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
1970	5,880	4,285	5,398
1975	13,200	5,560	7,330
1980	51,280	8,644	10,770
1985	135,400	24,737	16,202
16 MAR '88	269,520	34,150	19,144*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

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Year ended 31 DECEMBER	INCOME: M&G DIVIDEND	INCOME: BUILDING SOCIETY	CAPITAL: M&G DIVIDEND	CAPITAL: BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	—	—	£5,000	£5,000
1965	£198	£189	5,100	5,000
1970	231	247	5,380	5,000
1975	414	361	8,150	5,000
1980	830	517	12,140	5,000
1985	1,139	435	32,580	5,000
1987	1,600	381*	49,540	5,000
16 MAR '88	—	—	51,960	5,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society income figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. *Estimated for the year

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5 June '56	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
1960	9,760	10,040	5,835
1965	15,660	13,115	6,985
1970	23,240	15,270	8,712
1975	39,920	19,810	11,829
1980	97,700	30,800	17,380
1985	273,000	88,120	26,147
16 MAR '88	445,200	121,660	30,895*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics) M&G SECOND General figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

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	Income	Accumulation	Yield
Recovery Fund	532-1p	710-9p	3-21%
Dividend Fund	548-2p	1699-4p	4-97%
SECOND General	925-7p	1901-4p	3-40%

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	Recovery	Dividend	SECOND
Distributions	20 Feb 20 Aug	15 Jan 15 July	15 Feb 15 Aug
Applications required by for next distribution on	17 Jun '88 20 Aug '88	20 May '88 15 Jul '88	3 Jun '88 15 Aug '88

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LEGAL & FINANCIAL

The solemnities of accountants preparing summaries of the Chancellor's decisions turned into the mayhem of an old-style Fleet Street Budget night, as **Edward Fennell** explains



First with the dogma

The luckiest man of this year's Budget must be David Parriss of Mertech Electrical who won the Peat Marwick McLintock competition for predicting the length of the Chancellor's speech.

Mind you, this was only because of the judges' quirky decision to include in their calculations all the delays and hold-ups caused by the division and adjournment. It just goes to show, I suppose, that winning and losing on the Budget is *pretty much a lottery.*

Working out the real consequences of last Tuesday will, of course, take quite some time but the accountancy profession threw itself into the task with frenzied enthusiasm from the moment Mr Lawson stopped speaking.

It is now a matter of pride for most of the big accountancy firms to have their Budget summary printed and distributed by the following morning and the rivalry between them in achieving this is intense.

For many firms, though, the excitement begins earlier in the day. The bigger outfits have succeeded in turning the Budget into a major religious festival, full of symbolic significance, at which partners entertain their clients while listening to the words of the High Priest of the Economy.

To get a taste of exactly what goes on at these mystic rites I went along to the celebrations convened by Peat's at The Point Centre in Milton Keynes.

Predictably, in a boom town full of enterprise, the devotees of the cult were numerous. One in 10 of Milton Keynes' businesses were there, together with various dignitaries from the town hall and the chamber of commerce. The Age of Faith is clearly not over.

At 3pm the service started and we all formed up in close-knit, grey suited, concentric rows facing two enormous totem-like loudspeakers from which Mr Lawson's voice began to boom his words of wisdom.

The sincerely pious among us took notes. There were oohs and aahs at the most striking revelations. And when things got really serious the pocket calculators began to click with the regularity of rosary beads. I do believe that one or two in the congregation actually declared themselves to be "saved" as Mr Lawson described the new doctrine of Capital Gains Tax.

Anyway, by about 5.30pm I think most of us felt our spirits rise, assured that in the year to come our burdens would be lighter. But more was to come and before the socializing started in earnest there were various exegeses by expert divines on the text of the day.

Among these the one from Richard *Hall*, a tax partner, was particularly enlightening. Full of authority, wit and insight Mr Hall is clearly the man to have by your side when it comes to the final day of account.

But then, of course, came the outburst from the dissenters. In Milton Keynes, just as in the House, there were one or two unbelievers who had slipped in and seized the opportunity of challenging the revealed truth.

Chief among these heretics was Alan Francis who turned out to have been the Green Candidate in Milton Keynes at the last election. We should have guessed this because unlike the rest of us he was kitted out in a rather nice green woolly jumper.

Mr Francis confessed that he hadn't *actually been invited by Peat's but had* just turned up and been allowed in anyway. "Isn't Mr Lawson robbing the poor to pay the rich?" demanded Mr Francis. "Isn't this Budget the story of Robin Hood in reverse?"

The exact answer to this, unfortunately, got lost in the hubbub. In any case, most of us, like all good congregations, had started to think about our dinner.

For the crack teams of partners and managers back in the City, however, the night had just begun.

I spent the evening at the printers Greenaway Harrison in Commercial Street, where a 30-strong Peat Marwick McLintock had metamorphosed themselves into journalists for the night. No *doubt there were similar scenes across all* the Big Eight, and many other firms as well, as the attempt was made to distill the essential facts and figures into clear *text and neat tables.*

Certainly at Greenaways there was all the tension and adrenalin of the old fashioned news room as each of these accountants-turned-newshounds penned their particular story before passing the handwritten text over to the printer to be set.

Indeed, shades of old Fleet Street wafted down the corridors as the literals were later corrected by hand by Peter Gale, a hard-bitten Scottish night editor who steered the paper to bed with all the confidence of a pro.

In the meantime a surreal element crept across the scene when we discovered a Japanese film crew on the site plodding from office to office recording the drama of the event for NHK TV News. Before we were through I had interviewed the Japanese and they had interviewed me. And side by side in journalistic solidarity we interviewed Peter Gale.

Where does it all lead?

Well, by midnight the first of 87,000 booklets began to pour out of the presses. And not merely that but they then started to be baled and bagged and distributed through a transport network of 50 vehicles and four aircraft. By the following morning 90 per cent of Peat's customers would receive copies of the *summary in the post.*

Other firms did other things. By breakfast time on Wednesday I had received by hand from Moore Stephens' a copy of their neat little breast pocket version of the Budget. And no doubt, had I wished, I could have gone to countless "Day After" Budget breakfasts.

Meanwhile Goodman Jones had decided to "break with tradition" and not stay up all night producing their summary. Instead they have asked their clients to wait with patience until Monday evening when tax partner Michael Goldstein will be presenting a Budget seminar at the Institute of Directors. But will that be too late for those vital decisions?

Well, certainly not for the cereal bar addicts among you. There is still one full month for you to eat them free of that horrid, artificial additive, VAT. And as *for the rest of the Budget, I think we'll* just suck it and see.

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Extent of 'legal advice' privilege

Balabel and Another v Air India

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment March 16]

The test whether a communication between a solicitor and his client was privileged was to see whether it was made confidentially for the purposes of legal advice, construing such purposes broadly. Where there was a continuum of communication and meetings during which information was passsed with a view to keeping both informed so that advice could be given and sought as required, privilege would attach to communications conveying such information.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the defendants, Air India, against a decision of Judge Paul Baker, QC given on January 28, 1988, whereby he had allowed ann *appeal by the plaintiffs*, Ahmed Kamel Balabel and Elsa Balabel, from a decision of Master Munrow. Judge Baker held that the defendants were liable to disclose certain documents, being communications between the defendants and their solicitors other than those seeking legal advice, drafts, working papers, attendance notes and memoranda of the defendants' solicitors relating to a proposed new underlease which the plaintiffs claimed the defendants had agreed to enter into, and internal communications of the defendants.

Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Miss Beverly-Ann Rogers for the defendants; Mr Michael Burton, QC and Mr Ian McCulloch for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that briefly the issue was whether legal professional privilege extended only to communications seeking or conveying legal advice, or to all that passed between solicitor and client on matters within the ordinary *business of a solicitor.*

The appeal arose from an action for specific performance of an agreement for an underlease alleged to have been made in either May or November 1984. Judge Baker had concluded that the defendants were entitled to withhold all communications which sought or conveyed advice, even though parts of them might contain narratives of fact or other statements which in *themselves would not be protected*, but that documents which simply recorded information or transactions, with or without instructions to carry them into execution, or which recorded meetings at which the plaintiffs had been present, were not privileged.

It was common ground that the basic principle justifying legal professional privilege arose from the public interest requiring full and frank exchange of confidence between solicitor and client to enable the latter to receive the necessary advice. Originally it had related only to communications where legal proceedings were in being or in contemplation. There was no doubt that it now extended beyond legal advice in regard to litigation.

The cases undoubtedly showed a divergence of judicial authority as to the scope of the privilege. It was important to go back to the basic principle justifying such privilege as an exception to the general rule that all relevant evidence was discoverable and admissible. That principle was a client should be able to obtain legal advice in confidence.

Although originally confined to *aadvice regarding litigation, the* privilege had been extended to non-litigious business. Nevertheless, despite that extension, the purpose and scope was still to enable legal advice to be sought and given in confidence. The test was whether the communication or other document was made confidentially for the purposes of legal advice. Those purposes had to be construed broadly. Privilege obviously attached to a document conveying legal advice from a solicitor to a client and to a specific request from the client for such advice. But it did not follow that all other communications lacked privilege.

In most solicitor and client relationships advice might be *required at various stages.* there would be a continuum of communication and meetings between the solicitor and his client. The negotiations for a lease such as had occurred in the present case were only one example.

Where information was passed by the solicitor or the client as part of the continuum aimed at keeping both informed so that advice might be sought and given as required, privilege *would attach.*

A letter from the client containing information might end with the words "please advise me what I should do". But even where it did not there would usually be implied in the relationship an overall expectation that the solicitor would at each stage, *whether* asked specifically or not, tender appropriate advice.

It might be that application of that test might isolate occasional letters or notes which could not be said to enjoy privilege. But to be disclosable such documents must be material and relevant. Usually a document which did no more than acckowledge receipt of a document or suggest a date for a meeting would be irrelevant and so non-disclosable.

In effect the "purposes of legal advice" test would result in most communications between solicitor and client in, for example, a conveyancing transaction, being exempt from disclosure because they were privileged or because they were immaterial or irrelevant.

The answer to what documents were disclosable on that test was provided by such cases as *Smith-Bird v Blower* ([1939] 2 All ER 206) and *Conlon v Conlons* ([1952] 2 All ER 462). Dicta which seemed to extend the privilege without limit to all communications within the ordinary business of a solicitor and referable to that relationship were too wide. The range of aassistance given by solicitors to their clients and of activities carried out on their behalf had greatly broadened in recent times and was still developing.

By contrast *the formulation* adopted by Judge Baker had been too restrictive. It suggested that a communication only enjoyed privilege if it specifically sought or conveyed advice.

His Lordship agreed with the formulation of the master, subject to additional words: once *solicitors were embarked on* a convyancing transaction they were employed to ensure that the client steered clear of legal difficulties, and communications passing in the handling of that transaction were privileged if their aim was the obtaining of appropriate legal advice, since the the whole handling was experience and legal skill in action and a document uttered during the transaction did not have to *incorporate a specific piece of* legaal advice to obtain that privilege.

The documents had been produced to the court. In the light of the principles stated the claim to privilege should have been upheld. The appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Parker and Lord Donaldson of Lymington agreed.

Solicitors: Hobson Audley & Co; Howard Kennedy.

Supply of financial service in credit card deals

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Diners Club Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment February 12]

A company carrying on a charge card or credit card operation made a supply to the retailer, for the purposes of value-added tax (albeit an exempt supply within the terms of the Value Added Tax *Act 1983*), of a financial service for a consideration; and there was no purchase of debts at a discount despite the wording of the contractual arrangements between the company and the retailer.

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when he allowed the appeal of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against the decision of a *London VAT Tribunal* on February 10, 1987, which had determined that the charge card companies, Diners Club Ltd and Cardholder Services Ltd, were not making supplies which were exempt for VAT purposes.

Mr John Mummery for the commissioners; Mr Rex Bretten, QC and Miss Fay Stockton for the companies.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said that under the charge card scheme operated by Diners Club, the club member had a card which he produced when asked to pay a retailer for goods or services.

The retailer, if party to the scheme, accepted the card and looked to the card company for *payment of the sum agreed with* the cardholder less a discount. The card company then collected payment in full from the club member.

It was accepted that for the purposes of the instant case Cardholder Services operated a similar scheme.

Mr Mummery pointed out that every time a charge card was used three contracting parties were involved, each of *whom had a separate contract* with the other two, namely, the card company, the authorized retailer and the club member/cardholder.

His Lordship said that it was clear from the 1983 Act (see sections 1, 3, 17(1), Group 5 of Schedule 6, and section 48(6)) that in certain circumstances a person carrying on a charge card or credit card operation might make a supply to a retailer, and, if such was the case, it was an exempt supply.

From two recent authorities, neither of which was a VAT case, *Richardson v Worrall* ([1985] STC 693) and *In re Charge Card Services Ltd* (*The Times* June 17, *1986; [1987] Ch* 150), Mr Mummery extracted three propositions:

1 That an agreement to purchase goods or services by means of a card was an agreement as to the method of payment of the price for the goods or services.

2 That when the card was tendered and accepted there was an unconditional payment which discharged the cardholder from all financial liability to the retailer.

3 That the use of the card triggered the three contracts.

Mr Bretten accepted the authorities referred to but submitted that the contractual differences between them and the instant case were critical;

In respect of Diners Club, the wording in the rules of membership between the cardholder and the club, and in the agreement between the club and the retailer, was appropriate for the sale and purchase of debts, or accounts, created by the use of the card. So also with Cardholder Services, the words used envisaged, unquestionably, the retailer or scheme member selling the charge, or debt, to the card company.

Therefore, Mr Bretten submitted, when the cardholder produced the card and it was accepted by the retailer, the retailer recognized the cardholder as a person whose indebtedness the card company was prepared to purchase, and the cardholder by signing the voucher recognized the debt.

Thereafter, the cardholder was discharged from his obligations in respect of the retailer, but the debt was not *extinguished but sold by the* retailer to the card company.

Mr Mummery submitted that it was the reality of the situation which mattered for VAT purposes, whatever the contractual documents might provide, and "supply" was intended to be a wide word: see *Customs and Excise Commissioners v Oliver* ([1980] 1 All ER 353).

The card company provided the retailer with regular payments of money for goods and services obtained from that retailer by the use of the company's card, and that was a financial service; a benefit was conferred on the retailer because he could accept and attract custom by making it clear that he accepted an alternative method of payment;

The consideration for the supply was, in the case of Diners Club, the discount, or the commission in the case of Cardholder Services. The debt was extinguished when the retailer accepted the card.

Like every other debt it was, until extinguished, a chose in action, a right in the retailer to recover a fixed sum from the cardholder. Once the cardholder was relieved of that obligation all that remained were the *contractual obligations* under the separate contracts of the cardholder to the card company, and of the card company to the retailer.

His Lordship said that, despite the wording of the contracts, nevertheless he accepted Mr Mummery's analysis; for the purposes of VAT it was the reality which mattered and the taxation authorities were not necessarily bound by the words used by the contracting parties.

Accordingly, the companies made a supply to the retailer and the commissioners' appeal had *to be allowed.*

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Allen & Overy.

Discretion to admit oral evidence in financial provision proceedings

Krywald v Krywald

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Waite

[Judgment March 11]

Since the Matrimonial Causes Rules (SI 1977 No 344 (L 6)) did not require the evidence of witnesses in proceedings for financial provision to be on *affidavit*, unless they were parties to the proceedings, the judge had a discretion whether to admit oral evidence from witnesses who were not parties as to matters not deposed to on affidavit and ought not to refuse to admit it merely because it was not on affidavit.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the respondent wife, Mrs Irene Monique Krywald, from Brentford County Court (Judge Main, QC) which on April 1, 1987 had ordered, *inter alia*, that the former matrimonial home be sold and the proceeds divided equally between the wife and the petitioner husband, Mr Zbigniew Ryszard Alexander Krywald.

Mr David Schmitz for the wife; Mr Hugh Bennett for the husband.

MR JUSTICE WAITE said that one of the witnesses who had given evidence on affidavit, and had attended for cross-examination thereon, had in the course of examination-in-chief *dilated greatly on his testimony* and given oral evidence which dealt with matters not referred to in the affidavit. The judge had apparently refused to admit that evidence out of hand because it was not on affidavit.

Rules 73 and 74 of the 1977 Rules, as amended by the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules (SI 1984 No 1511 (L 15)), made it mandatory for the evidence of parties in proceedings for financial provision to be on affidavit, but there was no such express requirement in respect of the evidence of other witnesses.

It was the invariable practice for such evidence to be on affidavit, unless the parties had agreed that it should be submitted by way of proof or report. However, in the absence of such an agreement, the mere fact that evidence was not on affidavit did not make it inadmissible *per se.*

The judge had a discretion whether to admit it, which he would usually exercise after inquiring whether the other side had been taken by suprise and whether it would in any event be proper to admit it.

The judge had been technically at fault in not considering how to exercise his discretion, but that was under*standable in the absence of any* request by the wife for an adjournment. His Lordship was satisfied that the judge's error had resulted in no injustice to the wife, and he would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Sempik & Co, Richmond; Christopher Frere-Smith.

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TENNIS: BRITAIN'S TOP WOMAN PLAYER UPSETS THE RANKINGS WITH A RESOLUTE AND ENCOURAGING PERFORMANCE

Graf will measure the strength of the Durie revival

From Richard Evans, Key Biscayne, Florida

Jo Durie lined herself up for her first match against Steffi Graf in two years when she upset the rankings yesterday to reach the fourth round of the Lipton Players International here. Sticking doggedly to the task of wearing down a worthy opponent, the British player beat Gretchen Magers, a 24-year-old Texan, from San Antonio, 7-6, 6-3.

Providing Graf does not stumble against Ros Fairbank in her third round match, Durie will be playing the West German for the first time since the tournament in Mahwah, New Jersey, in 1986. Coincidentally that was also the last time Durie won as many as three matches in one tournament.

All the old hesitation and lack of belief returned when Durie served for a 5-2 lead in the second and it seemed as if she might be wavering dangerously when she netted a backhand volley which allowed Magers to break back.

"Yes, I was nervous" Durie said. "When you are not used to winning, it is difficult not to panic. I only won 10 singles matches in the whole of last year and already this year I have won seven, so it is getting better."

Durie never looks totally in command on court these days, but the determination to succeed is still there, despite the disappointments of the last few years, and that vital aspect of her character has been very much in evidence here this week.

Magers is ranked No. 77 on the WITA computer, 22 places above the British player so, statistically, this was a good win for Durie but she would have derived more satisfaction from the manner in which she survived three set points at 5-6 in the first set.

Then she never allowed the American to get a foot in the door during the tie-break, shutting her out by seven points to nil.

There were also a few encouraging signs in Sara Gomer's play when she lost 6-1, 6-3, to Graf the previous evening. The score failed to reflect the quality of tennis the tall Devonian produced and a different set of statistics bear that out. Gomer had game points in eight of the first 12 games of the match and was desperately unlucky not to win a couple of them.

Three times she surprised Graf with beautifully disguised dropped shots and produced a great top spin lob to help her break back and stay on level terms for a while in the second set. Obviously Gomer was well beaten, but far from disgraced.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Second round: R Seguso (US) bt J Grabb (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; M Mecir (Cz) bt G Layendecker (US), 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt K Flach (US), 7-8, 6-3, 6-1; D Goldie (US) bt M Srejber (Cz), 4-6, 7-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. Women's singles: Second round: S Graf (WG) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-1, 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt A De Vries (Bel), 6-0, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt G Fernandez (PR), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Third round: J Durie (GB) bt G Magers (US), 7-6,6-3.



Returned with interest: Steffi Graf powers back a serve while beating Sara Gomer, of Britain

RACING

Triptych tops the bill at Clore's satellite dispersal

By a Special Correspondent

Hot on the heels of the Bunker Hunt dispersal, another casualty of the October stock market crash puts his entire thoroughbred empire under the hammer tomorrow evening. This time it is Alan Clore, son of the late Sir Charles, and owner of Triptych among many others.

This particular sale is distinguished by the fact that the three centres at which the bloodstock is being sold are to be linked live by satellite for the auction of the cream of Clore's empire. The sale companies involved are Fasig-Tipton at Lexington, Kentucky, Agence Française at Deauville and Goffs at Kill, Co Kildare.

The satellite sale begins at 7pm British time (8pm French, 2pm US) and numbers 78 lots. Many of these are impeccably bred two-year-olds yet to race, including the progeny of recent champions El Gran Señor, Secreto, Rainbow Quest and Sadler's Wells, as well as representatives of leading established sires.

The highlight of the sale, though, should prove to be that evergreen mare Triptych. Seemingly better than ever last season, she recorded a string of group one triumphs including the Coronation Cup and the Dubai Champion Stakes. If Clore were able to keep just one of his horses, she surely would be the one.

The broodmare Le Vague A L'Ame should also prove a money-spinner. All her produce to date are to come under the hammer, and these include 1987 Rothmans International winner River Memories, Prix Thomas Bryon winner Raise A Memory and an unraced two-year-old filly by Grey Dawn II.

Demand should be strong for Hours After, second in the group one Criterium de Saint-Cloud last year, and, like Raise A Memory, a classic prospect for 1988.

Other names familiar to British racegoers of recent seasons include Tralthee, a leading Oaks fancy in 1986, and Harp Islet, a good two-year-old last season.

Perhaps the pick of the unraced two-year-olds is a Northern Dancer filly, who is a half-sister to I Will Follow, dam of Rainbow Quest, and to Slightly Dangerous, herself the dam of Warning.

Cecil outlines plans for Guineas trials

By George Rae

With the new Flat season less than a week away, Henry Cecil yesterday offered some fascinating insights into his profession and his hopes for the forthcoming campaign.

Speaking at the launch of the second edition of the *Benson & Hedges Racing Year*, Cecil, last season's champion trainer with 180 winners and over £1.8 million in prize-money, outlined the early-season plans for his potential 2,000 Guineas challengers, Sanquirico, Reprimand, and Carmelite House. "Realistically our choice is confined to the Craven Stakes and the Greenham," he said. "I will probably run two in one race and one in the other. How we split them up remains to be seen.

"I do agree with the handicapper's assessment in putting Sanquirico top of the three," he continued as he turned his attention to the official two-year-old ratings.

"But, looking at the fillies, I feel Ravinella could be flattered by her high rating. A number of the home-trained fillies had gone over the top by the Cheveley Park, particularly Ela Romara."

Looking beyond the Newmarket classic, Cecil commented: "Sanquirico and Carmelite House are much more likely to stay a mile and a half than Reprimand."

Of the older horses, there is considerable interest in the progress of Indian Skimmer, the winner of the Prix de Diane. "She is very well," Cecil said. "I have to be particularly careful with her because she jars so easily.

"She can only run on good or good to soft ground, and at this stage I am thinking in terms of starting her off in the Lockinge at Newbury.

"I think a mile to 10 furlongs will be her trip, and I would love to take on Miesque again. And if all goes well I am keen to send her for the Breeders' Cup Mile."

Cecil then praised the part his staff played in a year of almost unchecked success. "I have an experienced and established staff built up over a period of years," he said. "And delegation is an important part of the operation.

"Attitudes in stables have become more relaxed and I try to deal with people by Christian or nicknames."



Henry Cecil: high hopes for Indian Skimmer this year

Cecil, who has largely avoided viruses in the stable, was not entirely sympathetic to those who claim their stables have been infected.

"It can be something easy to blame for other problems," he said. "If a trainer's horses are running badly, for whatever reason, the virus can be held responsible for any number of disappointments."

● *Benson & Hedges Racing Year (Editor: Howard Wright, Pelham Books, £14.95).*

YACHTING

Alternatives required for harsh penalties

From Barry Pickthall, Long Beach, California

John Bertrand continued his unbeaten run in the Congressional Cup match race championship here by beating his fellow-Americans, John Kolius and Michael Elias, in preparation for what could prove a decisive meeting with the Australian, Peter Gilmour, who is in second place.

Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, slipped to third, beating Dennis Durgan but losing to Kolius after ramming the windward mark while in the lead. Durgan had the better of things at the outset but a faulty spinnaker pole end-fitting slowed setting of his chute after the first windward mark, which allowed the British crew their chance to overtake. Against Kolius, Warden Owen and his crew pulled out a commanding lead, only to misjudge the tide and fall down on the weather mark.

After the high number of penalty turns awarded during the opening rounds on Wednesday, most competitors were noticeably reticent about mixing it up quite so closely during the second experimental day, when on-the-water judges were used to mete out instant justice.

Competitors are in agreement that the 270-degree turn is too harsh a penalty but remain undecided on a suitable alternative.

"I'm still in favour of time penalties, not physical ones. That way crews can be penalized varying amounts according to their crime, which would allow the boats to remain close throughout the race," Warden Owen said.

It is a view slowly gaining credence here. "Perhaps we should have a mixture of time penalties and dropped Genoas for the most serious offences," Kolius suggested.

RESULTS: Second day: 1, J Bertrand (US), 5 wins, 0 losses; 2, P Gilmour (Aus), 4, 1: equal 3, E Warden Owen (GB), G Tawastsjerna (Can), B Lynn (US) and P Isler (US), 3, 2; 7, J Kolius (US), 2, 3; equal 8, M Elias (US) and D Durgan (US), 1, 4.

CYCLING

Curran in gear for Olympics

Paul Curran starts his Olympic road race bid in earnest tomorrow when he heads the field of 80 in the 91-mile Grand Prix of Essex, the season's first international in Britain, at Halstead (Peter Bryan writes).

The winner last year in a lone breakaway, Curran went on to be the country's outstanding roadman, with victories that included the national championship, the season-long Star Trophy series, and the Lincoln Grand Prix. Curran has already won one road race and two time trials this month, but said: "I'm not really flying yet."

In another sense, he soon will be. He leaves for the United States on Tuesday for a series of races including the five-day Tour of Texas. His three British team colleagues in America — Colin Sturgess, Eamonn Rooney and Dave Spencer — are also in action at Halstead tomorrow.

BOWLS

Allcock conjures instant victory

By Gordon Allan

Although pairs, triples and fours are acceptable in their way, it is singles the crowds like best, and there were some good matches in the Prudential English indoor championships at Hartlepool yesterday. David Cutler, a losing finalist 11 years ago, would have been expected to do well again, but after beating Alan Bates in the first round he lost to Pip Brandfield in the second.

Brian Howes, runner-up in 1981 and 1982, beat Steve Palmer, 21-16. It was hardly surprising that this was the last match of the first round to finish because Palmer is a deliberate player who gives the impression of treating every bowl he delivers as an intellectual exercise.

Shortly before midnight on Thursday the triples final ended in a 17-12 win for Cotswold. Tony Allcock's second bowl on the seventeenth end settled the match. Russell Morgan, the East Dorset skip, had removed Allcock's first from the head, leaving his side holding five shots and poised to start the last end 17-15 up. Instead, Allcock trailed the jack to score one: 16-12 to Cotswold and last end little more than a formality.

RESULTS: Singles: First round: G Bates (County Arts, Norwich) bt R Dykes (South Tyneside), 21-20; P Barnicott (Deangate Ridge, Rochester) bt W Gathercole (Lakenheath), 21-14; D Cutler (Plymouth Civil Service) bt A Bates (Boston), 21-12; R Staples (Scunthorpe) bt M Biggs (Thamesdown), 21-18; D Denison (Dawlish) bt M Wills (Whiteknights, Reading), 21-6; B Morley (Nottingham) bt D Bishop (Victory, Portsmouth), 21-12; P Brandfield (Clevedon) bt J Hobday (Longmeadow), 21-18; B Howes (Norfolk and Norwich) bt S Palmer (Ely), 21-16; T Rose (Isis Oxford) bt N Burrows (Bowlers Manchester), 21-13; K Renwick (Preston Brighton) bt P Mattravers (Ilminster), 21-15; Cheshunt (M Knowles) bt A King (Wealden), 21-19; N Smith (Barking) bt E Over (Coventry), 21-7; D Ramsdale (Darlington) bt R Chalfers (Victoria Street), 21-7; C Smith (Cyphers) bt S Howells (Ricards Green), 21-6; W Richards (Cambridge Park) bt S Heck (Leicester), 21-15; K Bone (Newcastle) bt C Truscott (Wey Valley), 21-12. Second round: Bramfield bt Cutler, 21-18. Triples: Final: Cotswold (P Neimes, M Jordan, A Allcock) bt East Dorset (A Everard, P Pell, R Morgan), 17-12.

ICE SKATING

Ice given spark by new deal

The Electricity Council, already heavily involved in the sponsorship of skating in this country, has increased its interest in the sport significantly (John Hennessy writes).

The Council will underwrite the Skate Electric Invitation and Gala (formerly the St Ivel Ice International) at Richmond from October 4 to 6, and the Skate Electric British championships — previously sponsored by Tuborg lager — in November. It will also be the most important sponsor of the European championships at the NEC, Birmingham next January.

The Council is also setting aside an undisclosed sum for individual scholarships, which may help to remove the doubts about Joanne Conway's continuing programme of training in the United States. Conway, aged 17, the British champion, has received £5,000 from St Ivel over the last three years.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League First division

Arsenal v Newcastle
Coventry v Derby
Nottingham F v Manchester Utd
Oxford v Chelsea
QPR v Norwich
Sheffield Wed v Portsmouth
Southampton v Charlton
West Ham v Watford
Wimbledon v Tottenham

Second division

Birmingham v Oldham
Blackburn v Leicester
C Palace v Bradford
Hull v Plymouth
Ipswich v Bournemouth
Leeds v Sheffield Utd
Manchester C v Swindon
Millwall v Huddersfield
Reading v A Villa
Shrewsbury v Middlesbrough
Stoke v Barnsley

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Glentoran; Ballymena v Larne; Carrick v Glenavon; Crusaders v Distillery; Linfield v Coleraine; Newry v Cliftonville.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Everton (2.0).

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Chelsea v Ipswich (3.15); Portsmouth v Bristol Rovers (2.30); Swindon v Luton (2.0); Tottenham v Millwall (2.0); Watford v Reading.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Hitchin; Bromley v Harrow; Farnborough v Dulwich; Hayes v Basingstoke; Hendon v Yeovil; Kingstonian v Leytonstone-Ilford; Leyton-Wingate v Carshalton; St Albans v Bognor; Bishop's Stortford v Tooting and Mitcham. First division: Basildon v Southwick; Billericay v Woking; Chesham v Oxford City; Hampton v Lewes; Kingsbury v Worthing; Leatherhead v Staines; Marlow v Grays; Walthamstow Avenue v Bracknell; Walton and Hersham v Uxbridge; Wembley v Boreham Wood; Wolverton v Stevenage Borough. Second division north: Aveley v Saffron Walden; Collier Row v Berkhamsted; Harlow v Hemel Hempstead; Hertford v Finchley; Letchworth v Witham; Rainham v Hornchurch; Royston v Clapton; Tring v Tilbury; Ware v Heybridge; Wivenhoe v Vauxhall Motors. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter v Maidenhead United; Dorking v Ruislip Manor; Eastbourne United v Whyteleafe; Feltham v Rackwell Heath; Harefield United v Egham; Horsham v Molesey; Hungerford v Epsom and Ewell; Metropolitan Police v Chertsey; Newbury v Banstead; Petersfield v Camberley; Southall v Yeading.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley v Eastwood Hanley; Altrincham v Radcliffe; Congleton v Stalybridge; Curzon Ashton v Lancaster; Droylsden v Netherfield; Irlam v Eastwood Town; Leek v Fleetwood; Penrith v Harrogate; Winsford v Sutton Town.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Dartford; Ashford v Witney; Bedworth v Fareham; Burton v Leicester United; Cambridge City v Crawley; Chelmsford v Nuneaton; Corby v Redditch; Dorchester v Shepshed; Gosport v Bromsgrove; Rugby v Aylesbury; Willenhall v Worcester. Midland division: Banbury v Moor Green; Bridgnorth v Wellingborough; Dudley v Coventry Sporting; Gloucester v Stourbridge; Halesowen v Trowbridge; Hednesford v Grantham; King's Lynn v Buckingham; Mangotsfield v Atherstone; Paget Rangers v Bilston; Rushden v Mile Oak; Sutton Coldfield v Forest Green. Southern division: Andover v Baldock; Burnham v Bury; Dover v Chatham; Erith and Belvedere v Hastings Town; Hounslow v Gravesend and Northfleet; Poole v Dunstable; Sheppey v Folkestone; Thanet v Salisbury; Waterlooville v Ruislip.

Third division

Blackpool v Mansfield
Brighton v Grimsby
Bristol R v Brentford
Bury v Doncaster
Chester v Preston
Chesterfield v York
Fulham v Bristol C
Gillingham v P Vale
Northampton v Aldershot
Rotherham v Wigan
Sunderland v Notts Co
Walsall v Southend

Fourth division

Cambridge v Tranmere
Carlisle v Crewe
Darlington v Colchester
Exeter v Hereford
Rochdale v Cardiff
Scarborough v Wrexham
Scunthorpe v Hartlepool
Torquay v Hartlepool

FA VASE: Semi-finals, first leg: Bashley v Emley; Sudbury v Colne Dynamoes.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Blaenrhondda v Milford: Bridgend v Ton Pentre; Cwmbran v Haverfordwest; Llanelli v Barry; Pembroke v AFC Cardiff; Pontllanfraith v Briton Ferry; Port Talbot v Brecon; Ebbw Vale v Aberystwyth.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol City v Frome; Bristol Manor Farm v Barnstaple; Chippenham v Torrington; Dawlish v Weston-super-Mare; Paulton v Liskeard; Plymouth Argyle v Exmouth; Radstock v Mangotsfield; Swanage and Herston v Clandown; Taunton v Clevedon.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland v Brandon (3.15); Blyth v Ryhope CA (3.15); Chester-le-Street v South Bank; Consett v Gretna; Crook v Billingham Synthonia; Easington v North Shields; Newcastle Blue Star v Whitby; Spennymoor v Guisborough (3.15); Tow Law v Shildon; Whitley Bay v Ferryhill.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe v Brigg; Belper v Grimethorpe MW; Guiseley v Harrogate Railway; North Ferriby v Bridlington Trinity; Thackley v Ossett Albion. League Cup: Fourth round: Bridlington Town v Long Eaton; Yorkshire Main v Denaby; York RI v Pontefract Collieries.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Atherton LR v Darwen; Bleasmere Port and Neston v Leyland Motors; Formby v Kirkby; Prescot Cables v Glossop. Rasb Archer Cup: Semi-final, second leg: St Helens v Warrington.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Cambridge v Leyton Orient; Chelsea v Queen's Park Rangers; Fulham v Gillingham; Norwich v Portsmouth; Southend v Arsenal; Tottenham v Charlton; Watford v Millwall. Second division: Brentford v Bournemouth; Brighton v Wimbledon; Bristol City v Oxford; Bristol Rovers v Tottenham; Luton v Southampton; Northampton v Reading.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Brentwoods; Old Cholmeleians v Old Malvernians; Old Reptonians v Old Foresters. First division: Old Ardinians v Old Westminsters; Old Citizens v Old Harrovians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Aldenhamians; Old Wellingburians v Old Wykehamists.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Abingdon Town v Woldingham.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Canvey Island v Stanstead; Halstead v Purfleet.

LIVERPOOL CUP: Semi-final: Maghull v St Dominics (at Bootle).

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Brighton Reserves v Southwick.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Fisher
Boston v Stafford
Cheltenham v Runcorn
Dagenham v Kettering
Enfield v Lincoln
Kidderminster v Maidstone
Northwich v Sutton Utd
Telford v Bath
Wealdstone v Barnet
Weymouth v Macclesfield
Wycombe v Welling

Northern Premier League Premier division

Bangor C v Gainsborough
Frickley v Chorley
Gateshead v Mossley
Goole v Oswestry
Horwich v Morecambe
Hyde v Matlock
Marine v Buxton
Rhyl v Witton
S Liverpool v Barrow
Southport v Worksop
Workington v Caernarfon

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Dundee Utd v Aberdeen
Dunfermline v Dundee
Falkirk v Motherwell
Hibernian v Hearts
Morton v St Mirren

First division

Airdrie v Clydebank
Clyde v Raith
Dumbarton v Hamilton
E Fife v Partick
Forfar v Queen of Sth
Kilmarnock v Meadowbank

Second division

Alloa v Stranraer
Ayr v Albion
Berwick v Stenhsemuir
Brechin v Cowdenbeath
E Stirling v Arbroath
Queen's Park v Stirling
St Johnstone v Montrose

BOWLS

TOURNAMENT: Prudential national championships (at Hartlepool).

INDOOR COUNTY MATCHES: Cumbria v Yorkshire (at Carlisle); Oxfordshire v Devon (at Oxford Isis); Somerset v South Glamorgan (at Bristol); Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire (at Coventry); Wiltshire v Hampshire (at Westlecot).

CRICKET

WEBSTER'S NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE (at Docklands Centre, Beckton): Play-offs (for last semi-final place): Wolverhampton v Ipswich (12.0); Ipswich v Rochdale (2.0); Rochdale v Wolverhampton (4.0). Webster's Tankard: Solihull v Nottingham North (12.0); Leeds v Nottingham North (2.0); Solihull v Leeds (4.0).

HANDBALL

INTERNATIONAL CUP (at Tryst Sports centre, Cumbernauld): Men: Wales v Scotland (1.05); England v Ireland (3.45); Wales v Ireland (6.35). Women: England v Scotland (11.45); Wales v Ireland (2.25); England v Ireland (5.05).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Hounslow v St Albans. League: Beckenham v Bromley; Hampstead v Richmond; Maidenhead v Purley; Old Kingstonians v Dulwich; Reading v Mid-Surrey; Southgate v Tulse Hill; Weybridge Hawks v Guildford.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Bury St Edmunds; Harleston Magpies v Wastcliff; Peterborough Town v Ford.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Kent/Sussex: Middleton v Folkestone; Rochester and Gillingham v Mid-Sussex; Worthing v Marden Russets.

MIDLANDS: County matches: Derbyshire v Leicestershire (at Trent College); Shropshire v Nottinghamshire (at Lilleshall); Warwickshire v Staffordshire (at Coventry School); Worcestershire v Northamptonshire (at Fox Hollies). Club matches: Amington v Wednesbury; Bournville v Birmingham Municipal; Bromsgrove v Chaddesley Corbett; Corby v Ely; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Cannock; Derby v Aldridge; Derwent v Belper; Droitwich v Kingswinford; Edgbaston v Olton and West Warwickshire; Egerton Park v North Nottinghamshire; Fort Dunlop v West Bromwich; Grantham v Spalding; Harborne v Barford Tigers; Hathersage v British Rail; Kenilworth v Stratford; Loughborough Town v Burton; Ludlow v Tenbury; Macclesfield v Leek; North Stafford v Holmes Chapel; Notts Gregory v South Nottingham; Nuneaton v Evesham; Old Wulfrunians v Bloxsomfield; Pershore v Britannia; Robirch v Michelin; Rotherham v Beeston; Sandbach v Buxton; Shrewsbury v GEC Coventry; Stafford v Bridgnorth; Stanton v Worksop; Sutton Coldfield v Old Silhillians; Tamworth v Chesterfield; Telford v Finchfield; West Bridgford v Leicester; Whitchurch v Stourport; Wombourne v Stone; Worcestar v Kings Heath.

WOMEN: International match: England v Spain (at Wembley).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife Flyers v Whitley Warriors (7.15); Murrayfield Racers v Peterborough Pirates (6.30); Nottingham Panthers v Solihull Barons (6.30).

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Mellor v Old Hulmeians; Old Waconians v Sheffield University; Rochdale v Sale.

BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bath v Purley; Buckhurst Hill v Hampstead; Chipstead v Kenton.

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Rangers v Celtic (2.0)

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Wokingham v Croydon (2.30).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham v Shepshed (11.30).

RUGBY UNION

B INTERNATIONAL: France B v Scotland B (at Châlon-sur-Saone).

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Saracens v Bedford.

TOUR MATCH: Pencoed v Toshibe (Japan).

CLUB MATCH: Metropolitan Police v Blackheath.

BERKSHIRE CUP: Final: Reading v Maidenhead (at Reading, 2.15).

DORSET AND WILTSHIRE CUP: Final: Swindon v Salisbury (at Devizes).

BASS HAMPSHIRE CUP: Final: Basingstoke v Havant (at Basingstoke).

HERTFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Tabard v Cheshunt (at Old Merchant Taylors, Croxley Green).

MIDDLESEX CUP: Final: Finchley v Old Merchant Taylors (at Finchley).

NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBYSHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals (2.30): Derby v Southwell; Lincoln v Moderns; Matlock v Boston; Stamford v Newark.

OXFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Banbury v Oxford (at Oxford).

SURREY CUP: Final: Old Mid-Whigitians v Guildford and Godalming (at Sutton and Epsom).

SUSSEX CUP: Semi-finals (2.30): Worthing v Lewes; Crawley v Eastbourne.

WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Final: Rugby v Stoke Old Boys (at Coundon Road, Coventry, 2.30).

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

England v Ireland (at Twickenham, 2.45)
Wales v France (at Cardiff, 2.30)

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Coventry v Harlequins
Moseley v Waterloo
Orrell v Gloucester

Second division

London Welsh v Headingley (11.30)

Third division

Sheffield v Nuneaton
Wakefield v W Hartlepool

CLUB MATCHES

Ayr v W of Scotland
Birmingham v Torquay
Edinburgh Acad v Glasgow Acad
Fylde v Hartlepool R
Gala v Melrose
Halifax v Otley
Harrogate v Kelso
Hawick v Boroughmuir
Huddersfield v Rugby
Middlesbrough v Preston Grnsprs
Nottingham v London Scottish
Roundhay v Morley
Sale v Northampton
Vale of Lune v Northern
Wasps v Loughborough S (11.0)

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: British Car Auctions Merit Table: Old Guildfordians v Old Reigatian; Old Tiffinians v Old Emanuel. Foster Beard Middlesex County Merit Table: Centaurs v Lensbury; Ealing v Twickenham; Hampstead v Harrow; Hendon v Uxbridge; Ruislip v Grasshoppers. Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Upper Clapton v Woodford; US Portsmouth v Streatham-Croydon. Club matches: Abbey v Banbury; Alton v Old Surbitonians; Bacavians v Old Cantabrigians; Barclays Bank v Old Haberdashers; Barnet v Old Kingsburians; Basildon v Colchester; Beckenham v Dartfordians; Bettesanger v Medway; Biggleswade v Stevenage; Blackheathens v Southend; Bracknell v University Vandals; Burton v Oxford; Bury St Edmunds v Diss; CAV v Beaconsfield; Canterbury v Winchester; Cheltenham v Stamgbourne; Chingford v Bancroft; Civil Service v KCS Old Boys; Datchworth v Bedford Swifts; Dorking v Old Freemens; Dunstablians v Oxford Marathon; Effingham v Sutton and Epsom; Eton Manor v Lewes; Fullerians v Hemel Hempstead; Gillingham Anchorians v Ashford; Greenwich v Sheppey; Guildford and Godalming v Maidstone; Guy's Hospital v Newbury; Hamptonians v Old Wandsworthians; Harlequins XV v London French; High Wycombe v Bedford Athletic; Hitchin v Harpenden; Horsham v Haywards Heath; Ipswich YMCA v Woodbridge;

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Aylestone St James v Huntingdon; Barker's Butts v Stamford; Birchfield v Birmingham City Officials; Birmingham v Torquay; Birmingham United v Old Saltleians; Birmingham Welsh v Birmingham Civil Service; Boston v March; Bridgnoth v Hereford; Bromsgrove v Stratford; Burntwood v Coalville; Burton v Cinderford; Castleford v Derby; Chesterfield v Leicester Extra; Clifton v Wolverhampton; Dixonians v Shrewsbury; Droitwich v Redditch; Dudley Kingswinford v Kidderminster; Earlsdon v Edwardians; Eccleshall v Cannock; Feltham v Veseyans; GEC Coventry v Erdington; Kenilworth v Aylesbury; Kettering v Old Leamingtonians; Kibworth v Old Newtonians; Kings Norton v Evesham; Leamington v Hinckley; Leicester University v North Staffordshire Polytechnic; Lichfield v Sutton Coldfield; Lutterworth v Melton; Manor Park v Keresley; Moderns v Doncaster; Newcastle v Tamworth; Norwich v Wasdleigh; Nottingham University v Bilaston; Nuneaton OE v Trinity Guild; Oadby Wyggestonians v Leighton Buzzard; Old Coventrians v Pinley; Old Halesonians v Old Centrals; Old Laurentians v Lanchester Polytechnic; Old Moseleians v Spartans; Paviors v North Walsham; Peterborough v Loughborough; Sheffield v Nuneaton; Solihull v Davenport; Stafford v Newbold; Stewart and Lloyds v Belgrave; Stoke v Stourbridge; Stoke Old Boys v Melksh; Syston v Market Bosworth; Telford v Luctonians; Vipers v South Leicester; Walsall v Worcester; West Bridgford v Newark; West Midlands Police v Warley; Whitchurch v Ludlow.

NORTH: Club matches: Acklam v West Park Bramhope; Alrebronians v Dinnington; Baildon v Wetherby; Barnsley v Worksop; Bridon v Ossett; Burnage v Old Bedians; Caldy v Chester College; Calder Vale v De La Salle; Castleford v Liddesborough; Chester v West Park; Cleckheaton v Yarnbury; Doncaster v Moortown; Driffield v Wakefield Wasps; Halifax Vandals v Huddersfield YMCA; Hessle v Goole; Huddersfield v Rugby; Hull and ER Spartan v Bridlington; Hullensians v Old Ottensians; Keighley v Heaton Moor; Kendal v Melrose; Knottingley v Wensleydale; Leodiensians v Scunthorpe; Manchester v Macclesfield; New Brighton v Wigan; North Ribblesdale v Northallerton; Old Crossleyans v Bramley; Pontefract v Ripon; Roddians v Wath-on-Dearne; Sandbach v Lymm; Scarborough v Pocklington; Selby v Thornensians; Sheffield v Nuneaton; Skipton v Darlington RA; Solihull v Davenport; Southport v Oldham; Warrington v Old Anselmians; West Leeds v Wheatley Hills; Whitby v Burley; Winnington Park v Wilmslow; York v Redcar; York RI v Bradford Salem.

RUGBY LEAGUE

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain v France (at St Helens).

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: Pilkington v Leigh Miners; West Hull v Millom.

TOMORROW

Barclays League First division

Everton v Liverpool (2.35)

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Rangers v Celtic (2.0)

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Wokingham v Croydon (2.30).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham v Shepshed (11.30).

RUGBY UNION

B INTERNATIONAL: France B v Scotland B (at Châlon-sur-Saone).

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Saracens v Bedford.

TOUR MATCH: Pencoed v Toshibe (Japan).

CLUB MATCH: Metropolitan Police v Blackheath.

BERKSHIRE CUP: Final: Reading v Maidenhead (at Reading, 2.15).

DORSET AND WILTSHIRE CUP: Final: Swindon v Salisbury (at Devizes).

BASS HAMPSHIRE CUP: Final: Basingstoke v Havant (at Basingstoke).

HERTFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Tabard v Cheshunt (at Old Merchant Taylors, Croxley Green).

MIDDLESEX CUP: Final: Finchley v Old Merchant Taylors (at Finchley).

NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBYSHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals (2.30): Derby v Southwell; Lincoln v Moderns; Matlock v Boston; Stamford v Newark.

OXFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Banbury v Oxford (at Oxford).

SURREY CUP: Final: Old Mid-Whigitians v Guildford and Godalming (at Sutton and Epsom).

SUSSEX CUP: Semi-finals (2.30): Worthing v Lewes; Crawley v Eastbourne.

WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Final: Rugby v Stoke Old Boys (at Coundon Road, Coventry, 2.30).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Yorkshire under-21 v Cumbria under-21 (at Doncaster).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford v Salford (3.30); Castleford v Halifax (3.30); Hull v Wigan; Hunslet v Hull KR (3.30); Swinton v St Helens; Warrington v Leigh; Widnes v Leeds. Second division: Barrow v Bramley (2.30); Batley v Fulham; Keighley v Carlisle (3.15); Mansfield v Workington; Oldham v Huddersfield; Rochdale v Featherstone; Runcorn v Dewsbury; Springfield v York; Wakefield v Doncaster (3.30); Whitehaven v Sheffield (3.30).

BOWLS

MIDLAND COUNTIES INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire (at Leicester).

HOME COUNTIES INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Kent v Sussex (at Faisiss and Maidstone).

INTER COUNTIES: Hampshire v Essex (at Tye Green); Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire (at Nottingham).

CRICKET

WEBSTER'S NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE (at Docklands Centre, Beckton): Semi-finals (12.0); Final (3.0).

HANDBALL

INTERNATIONAL CUP (at Tryst Sports centre, Cumbernauld): Men: England v Scotland (11.05); Scotland v Ireland (1.45); Wales v England (4.25). Women: Wales v Scotland (9.45); Scotland v Ireland (12.25); England v Wales (3.05).

HOCKEY

COUNTY MATCHES: Cambridgeshire v Essex (at Parkers Place, Cambridge, 2.15); Middlesex v Kent (at Feltham School, 2.15).

COUNTY UNDER-21 MATCH: Cambridgeshire v Essex (at Parkers Place, Cambridge, 1.45).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy v Army (at Portsmouth).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee Rockets v Ayr Bruins (7.0); Murrayfield Racers v Fife Flyers (6.30); Solihull Barons v Peterborough Pirates (6.30); Streatham Redskins v Durham Wasps (6.15); Whitley Warriors v Nottingham Panthers (6.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Redwood Lodge v Dragonara Leeds (6.30). First division women: Arsenal Britannia v Portsmouth Heatseal (2.30); Istari v Dragonara Leeds (3.30); Sale v Spark (2.0); Speedwell Bristol v Birmingham AI (12.30).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Inter-counties 20 mile road race championship (at Stafford); City of Bath half-marathon; Swanley half-marathon; Chris Vose 10 mile road race (at Warrington); Girobank National young athletes road relays (at Sutton Coldfield).

BADMINTON: Yonex All England championships (at Wembley).

EQUESTRIANISM: Aldon horse trials.

LACROSSE: Women's National clubs and colleges tournament (at Merton).

MOTOR CYCLING: Racing at Brands Hatch.

RACKETS: Celestion open singles championship: Final (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS: George Wimpey amateur singles championship: Final (at Leamington).

ROWING: Women's University race: Oxford v Cambridge (Tideway).

SPEEDWAY: Challenge match: Mildenhall v King's Lynn v Cradley (3.30).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOOTBALL: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow): South Carolina v Nebraska.

BADMINTON: C4 11.55 p.m.: Yonex All England open championships: Highlights of the semi-finals from Wembley.

CRICKET: ITV 12 p.m.: New Zealand v England: Highlights of the fourth one-day international from Auckland.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5.05 p.m.: Football focus. Racing: 1.0, 1.30 and 2.0 races from Lingfield. Ice Hockey: Heineken League: Whitley Warriors v Durham Wasps. Rugby Union: British Coal international: Wales v France: Live coverage from Cardiff. Snooker: Fersina Windows World Cup from Bournemouth. Final score: 4.35 p.m.

HOCKEY: ITV 2.45 p.m: Women's International: England v Spain live from Wembley stadium.

RUGBY UNION: BBC2 4.10 p.m.: Save and Prosper International: England v Ireland: Full coverage from Twickenham.

SAINT AND GREAVSHE: ITV 1.05 p.m. Results service: 4.45 p.m.

SNOOKER: BBC2 5.45 p.m. BBC1 11.40 p.m.:

RACING: SUCCESSFUL CHELTENHAM COMBINATION CAN FOLLOW UP WITH GURTEEN WOOD AND KODIAK ISLAND AT CHEPSTOW

Sherwood team eye double again

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Three days after landing that unforgettable double at Cheltenham with Rebel Song and The West Awake, Mr and Mrs Christopher Heath, their trainer Oliver Sherwood and jockey, brother Simon, should all find themselves back in the winner's enclosure again today at Chepstow where I can envisage them pulling off another two-timer with **Kodiak Island** (2.15) and **Gurteen Wood** (2.45).

The latter, who is my selection to win the Tony Preston *Memorial Novices' Chase*, has already won twice this season when napped in these columns.

In not making him today's best investment, I readily admit to being wary of both Cool Sun, who has won his last two races, and Larchwood, who shaped with so much promise in her first chase at Newbury in January when *runner-up to Tom Bir*.

However, after that morale-boosting win at Worcester 17 days ago which followed three disappointing or catastrophic *races – depending upon which* way you look at them – the potentially useful Gurteen Wood should be ready to cope with them.

Stable companion Kodiak Island can begin the day well for the Sherwood brothers by winning the first division of the Hare and Hounds Novices' Hurdle but I feel that Stream Bridge, their runner in the other division, is unlikely to beat **Vulgan Warrior** who ran the best race of his life at Newbury a fortnight ago when *he finished* a close fourth to Crumpet Delite, Rebel Song and Rowlandsons Jewels in the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold Hurdle. But for a mistake at the last he would have finished third.

With course specialist Broadheath appearing to be a light of other days, the Marathon Chase should go to **Star Of Screen**, who proved that he possesses the requisite stamina for both this and the Scottish National later in the season when he won the Eider Chase over even further at *Newcastle last month*.

At Lingfield, Sprowston Boy, the narrow yet decisive winner of the Imperial Cup at Sandown a week ago, makes a *quick return to the hustle and* bustle of the racecourse for the valuable Bic Razor Gold Cup for which Carnival Air, another to have won during that Sandown meeting, will only be on parade if today's programme at Uttoxeter is abandoned after the stewards have inspected the course at 7.30 this morning.

Explaining his decision to me yesterday, trainer Kim Bailey said that even with a 9lb penalty at Uttoxeter, Carnival Air is still better in there than he will be in future races because the handicapper has *put him up 15lb as a result of* that 10-length win on the Esher track eight days ago.

However, with Sprowston Boy standing his ground at Lingfield, Carnival Air would have to carry 22lb more than his allotted weight of 8st 6lb, which already included a penalty for his Sandown win. So everything now hinges on the weather.

If Uttoxeter gets the go-ahead **Carnival Air** looks nap material for the Marston's Brewery Handicap Hurdle because it is common knowledge that he took a fair amount of money out of the ring at Sandown where he was backed down to 10-1 from 33-*1 to win his first race for four* seasons. And how easily he landed that coup.

At Lingfield, though, he might well be hard-pressed to beat **Winart** who has come good at Warwick and Plumpton of late.

Cumrew, in the Bic Orange *Razor Handicap Chase, is my* other principal fancy at the Surrey track. After winning first time out at Huntingdon, he looked poised to bolt home again at Warwick when he misjudged the third last fence and fell.

At Newcastle, I like the look of **Salacity** (2.45) even though he fell last time. He appeared to be cruising to victory at Catterick 10 days ago when he tripped over the second last flight of hurdles and paid for his carelessness.

Inspections at two meetings

Today's meetings at Chepstow and Uttoxeter hinge on 7.30am inspections. Both courses held inspections yesterday and decided to have further precautionary checks this morning.

Newcastle also held an inspection yesterday but announced that the meeting would go ahead unless there was heavy *overnight rain. No further* inspection is planned at the course, where racing is also scheduled to take place on Monday.

Wolverhampton, Monday's *other meeting, is already in* doubt with an 11am inspection planned for tomorrow.

Two horses have been doubly declared today. Johns Present is declared at Uttoxeter (3.45) and *Lingfield (2.30) with first pref*erence being Uttoxeter.

Carnival Air is declared at Lingfield (2.0) and Uttoxeter (3.15) and runs at Uttoxeter unless the meeting is off.

All-weather racing moves nearer with Fibresand approval

By a Special Correspondent

All-weather racing moved a stage nearer yesterday following the Jockey Club's approval of Fibresand as a suitable artificial surface, provided that it is prepared correctly.

No decision about all-weather racing will be made until officials are satisfied that it can be shown to be of financial benefit to the industry.

A Jockey Club spokesman said: "*If this can be established*, the stewards see November 1989 as a realistic starting date. All-weather fixtures would be a mixture of Flat and hurdle races."

A public trial was held at Newmarket in December, and jockeys and trainers were given the chance to express opinions about two surfaces being considered – Fibresand and Equitrack.

The majority of those taking part in the trial seemed to favour Fibresand, and since that trial the manufacturers of various surfaces have worked with the Jockey Club inspectorate to produce a better product.

The spokesman added: "The inspectorate took into account the views of various parties, including those of their consultant, Arthur Read, the National Trainers Federation, and jockeys who took part in the trial.

"They believe that the improvements to Fibresand now make it suitable as an *artificial surface for both Flat* racing and hurdling, and they are also of the opinion that it may be suitable for steeplechasing in the long term."

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Eastshaw.
1.30 Cumrew.
2.00 Winart.
2.30 Mr Key.
3.00 Flutter Money.
3.30 Spring Flight.

By Michael Seely
1.00 Eastshaw. 2.00 Winart.

Going: soft (heavy patches)

1.0 SGB NOVICES CHASE (£4,253: 2m 4f) (8 runners) — BBC 1

104	23-31	EASTSHAW 88 (G) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-8	H Davies	92
108	0-4	DERCANDER 16 (N Clutton) Lady Herries 6-11-4	Mr T Grantham	70
110	40-F0P0	FAARIS 28 (G) (Mrs E Boucher) P Kelleway 7-11-4	M Furlong	—
111	240FP0	LE GRAND MAITRE 9 (Le Maitre & Co Ltd) G Roe 7-11-4	P McDermott	—
112	0424U	MAJESTIC RING 14 (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 6-11-4	Mr A Kelleway (7)	● 98
113	002F-4F	MISHRIF 180 (S) (J Bird) A Moore 6-11-4	W Morris	78
116	00P4PF	THAMES TRADER 12 (S) (Mrs J Seal) Mrs L Clay 9-11-4	M Richards	61
117	P-PF0	THE LUCKPENNY MAN 8 (T Clay) Mrs L Clay 9-11-4	M Perrett	70

BETTING: Evens Eastshaw, 9-2 Majestic Ring, 6-1 Mishrif, 10-1 Dercander, Le Grand Maitre, 14-1 Thames Trader, 20-1 The Luckpenny Man, 25-1 Faaris.

1987: SUMMONS 8-11-12 R Rowe (5-4 fav) J Gifford 10 ran

FORM EASTSHAW (11-7) beat Nearly Medina (11-2) 20l at Ludlow (2m, £1608, good, Dec 22. 15 ran).

DERCANDER (11-5) 24l 4th to Goodman Point (11-5) here (2m 4f, £2266, soft, Mar 3, 14 ran).

LE GRAND MAITRE (11-1) 39l 6th to Cool Sun (11-7) at Stratford (3m 2f, £2507, soft, Mar 10, 15 ran).

MAJESTIC RING (11-0) best judged on 7½l 4th to Dad's Gamble (11-7) at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, £3215, good to soft, Feb 19, 11 ran).

MISHRIF (11-3), on penultimate start, 21l 4th to Woodland View (11-2) at Plumpton (2m 4f, £1093, good to firm, Aug 31, 7 ran).

THE LUCKPENNY MAN (11-5) 24l 5th to Missing Man (11-8) at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, £3302, good, Mar 11, 6 ran).

Selection: EASTSHAW

1.30 BIC ORANGE RAZOR HANDICAP CHASE (£6,099: 3m) (9 runners) — BBC 1

208	131222	BRIGHT DREAM 30 (CD,BF,S) (J Holmes) J Gifford 12-11-10	R Rowe	93
209	1431UF	FLAREY SARK 3 (C,S) (Mrs A Pollard) J King 11-11-6	—	94
211	F01P-0P	LATE NIGHT EXTRA 4 (B,D,F,G,S) (Lt-Col E Phillips) K Bailey 12-11-6	P Croucher	85
212	1213U3	SALEHURST 15 (C,BF,G,S) (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 8-11-3	J Frost	98
213	442146	NUMERATE 49 (D,F,G,S) (H Hough) C Sherwood 9-11-1	C Cox	98
214	20-P102	TRACYS SPECIAL 18 (CD,G,S) (L Ames) A Turnell 11-11-0	Steve Knight	98
215	221P-1F	CUMREW 17 (B,C,D,BF,G,S) (N Harris) N Henderson 8-10-10	S Smith Eccles	● 99
216	0-03P0P	MEISTER 11 (G,S) (A Gratton) J Old 8-10-10	—	94
218	2U-FPPF	PERHAPS LUCKY 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 11-10-0	G Landau	—

BETTING: 7-2 Cumrew, 4-1 Bright Dream, 5-1 Numerate, 13-2 Flarey Sark, 8-1 Salehurst, 9-1 Tracys Special, 14-1 Late Night Extra, 16-1 Meister, 33-1 Perhaps Lucky.

1987: AUGHRA BOURA 11-10-7 R Rowe (8-1) J Gifford 13 ran

FORM BRIGHT DREAM (11-11) 10l 2nd to Baddog (10-3) at Leicester (3m, £3486, soft, Feb 18, 7 ran).

FLAREY SARK (11-10) last successful when beating Noble Music (11-2) 6l at Leicester (2m 4f, £1413, good to soft, Feb 29, 18 ran).

SALEHURST (11-5) 10½l 3rd to Kelly's Honor (11-5) at Lingfield (2m 4f, £2582, soft, Mar 3, 12 ran).

NUMERATE (10-13) best judged on a 1½l defeat of Ten Of Spades (12-0) at Nottingham (2m 6f, £2170, good to soft, Dec 19, 9 ran).

TRACYS SPECIAL (11-0) a head 2nd to Dart Over (11-7) at Nottingham (3m 4f, £1991, good, Mar 1, 8 ran).

CUMREW (11-5), on penultimate start, beat Polar Sunset (11-6) 4l at Huntingdon (3m, £2254, good, Feb 23, 14 ran).

Selection: NUMERATE

2.0 BIC RAZOR GOLD CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£14,356: 2m 4f) (18 runners) — BBC 1

301	03-2201	SPROWSTON BOY 7 (G,S) (G Whiting) P Kelleway 5-12-10 (10ex)	S McCrystal (7)	90
305	1/2-1000	HEART OF STONE 61 (S) (M Morrison) R Akehurst 6-10-10	D McKeown	98
306	41-0422	MOLOJEC 98 (D,G,S) (N Henderson) N Henderson 7-10-8	S Smith Eccles	94
308	00-4302	RUSTSTONE 11 (D,G,S) (R Brown) R Brown 8-10-7	J Brown (7)	● 99
309	3/303-12	MARSH KING 15 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs M Hill) P Hobbs 7-10-3	G McCourt	96
310	2142-01	DOMARC 19 (F,S) (G Cooper) Miss L Siddall 5-10-2	P Niven	97
311	00-3211	WINART 18 (D,S) (P Rodford) P Rodford 10-10-1	W Irvine (7)	92
313	P12-000	TSARELLA 22 (B,D,BF,S) (Mrs J Henty) N Henderson 6-10-0	M Bowlby	90
322	0UU231	GREY SALUTE 22 (D,G,S) (T Hayward) J Jenkins 5-10-0	M Perrett	93
323	0301FP	JAMES MY BOY 8 (D,S) (R Dickinson) M Dickinson 7-10-0	—	87
324	8-01224	ZUKO 14 (BF,S) (S Powell) S Mellor 7-10-0	G Landau	91
326	244020	NONE TOO DEAR 7 (V,G) (S Adams) G Balding 6-10-0	I Shoemark (7)	97
329	F2PUF0	STIRABOUT 12 (B,F,S) (E Thorbek) N Henderson 8-10-0	—	96
330	34-0110	WILLIAM ANTHONY 70 (S) (Insight Cartons Ltd) N Gaselee 6-10-0	A Adams (7)	83
332	134030	POLISH 12 (D,S) (R Brookhouse) R Dickin 10-10-0	M Jones (7)	82
334	B0P000	ARBITRAGE 11 (D,S) (D Bay) B Forsey 7-10-0	D Tegg (4)	82
335	01140/1	CARNIVAL AIR 8 (G,S) (Col Ivo Reid) K Bailey 9-10-0 (6ex)	—	87
336	01-0000	DOMINATE 12 (F) (Mrs B Gonsalves) A Gonsalves 7-10-0	A Mulholland (7)	65

● CARNIVAL AIR runs at Uttoxeter (3.15) unless meeting is abandoned

BETTING: 9-2 Ruststone, 6-1 Domarc, Marsh King, 15-2 Winart, 8-1 Molojec, Sprowston Boy, 10-1 None Too Dear, Zuko, 12-1 others.

1987: TIGERWOOD 6-10-10 R Guest (13-2) R Akehurst 15 ran

FORM SPROWSTON BOY (11-4) beat Jambalou (10-0) ½l at Sandown (2m, £16050, good, Mar 12, 15 ran) with NONE TOO DEAR (10-0) 7½l 6th.

HEART OF STONE below form since (11-10) beating Windbound Lass (10-9) 10l at Fontwell (2m 2f, £3470, good to soft, Nov 3, 16 ran).

MOLOJEC (10-11) *a short head 2nd to Admirals All* (10-1) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £3939, good, Dec 12, 10 ran).

RUSTSTONE (12-2) 7l 3rd to Pearl Run (11-6) at Warwick (2m, £2108, good to soft, Mar 8, 21 ran) with ARBITRAGE (10-5) 8l 5th.

MARSH KING (10-11) a neck 2nd to Sterne (10-7) at Newbury (3m 120yd, £3015, good, Mar 4, 21 ran).

DOMARC (10-1) beat Cashew King (10-5) 2l at Doncaster (2m 150yd, £3517, firm, Feb 29, 12 ran).

WINART (10-0) easily beat NONE TOO DEAR (10-1) *7l at Plumpton (2m 4f, £4963, good to soft, Mar 1, 17* ran).

GREY SALUTE (11-10) beat Powerful Paddy (11-10) ¾l at Southwell (2m 4f, £1954, good, Feb 26, 14 ran).

CARNIVAL AIR (10-6) beat Kamrise (10-12) 10l at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, £3758, good, Mar 11, 13 ran).

Selection: HEART OF STONE

2.30 BIC LADY SHAVER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,002: 2m) (7 runners)

403	0-1232P	HIZ 15 (CD,G,S) (Mrs G McFerran) T Forster 10-11-10	H Davies	97
404	1-1F030	JOHNS PRESENT 24 (D,S) (P Dening) R Holder 10-11-9	—	91
405	14F243	MR KEY 4 (CD,G,S) (Mrs E McManus) D Murray-Smith 7-11-7	P Croucher	98
407	0-40441P	CIMA 17 (D,S) (W Sturt) J Old 10-11-3	—	98
409	1F14F0	RAMBLING WILD 9 (D,S) (P Deal) P W Harris 7-10-8	J Duggan	91
410	231100	TOM CAXTON 15 (D,G,S) (M O'Connor) J King 7-10-7	D Tegg (4)	● 99
411	2P4300	BALLIMA 19 (CD,F,G,S) (J Murray) D Grissell 10-10-0	Mr T Grantham	80

● JOHNS PRESENT runs at Uttoxeter (3.45) unless meeting is abandoned

BETTING: 2-1 Tom Caxton, 11-4 Cima, 100-30 Hiz, 9-2 Mr Key, 7-1 Rambling Wild, 14-1 Ballima.

1987: BALLIMA 9-10-0 Mr T Grantham (8-1) D Grissell 6 ran

FORM HIZ (11-10), on penultimate start, 3l 2nd to Pukka Major (11-4) at Worcester (2m, £3096, heavy, Feb 17, 7 ran), with JOHNS PRESENT (11-9) 7l 3rd and RAMBLING WILD (10-8) a 5th fence faller.

MR KEY (10-8) 3½l 3rd to Vodkatini (10-13) at Cheltenham (2m, £13708, soft, Mar 15, 14 ran).

CIMA (11-8), on penultimate start, beat Lafosse (11-4) 20l at Leicester (2m 4f, £2117, soft, Feb 18, 6 ran).

RAMBLING WILD (11-7) last at best when 8l 4th to Alram (11-11) at Wincanton (2m, £1880, soft, Jan 14, 6 ran).

TOM CAXTON (10-6) best judged on a 7l defeat of Kamir (11-8) at Ascot (2m, £2992, heavy, Jan 15, 8 ran).

BALLIMA (11-10) 39l 8th to Harley Street Man (11-7) at Leicester (2m, £1838, good to soft, Feb 29, 9 ran).

Selection: MR KEY

3.0 BIC RAZOR NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,607: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

501	04P11	FAIRTHORNE LAD 14 (F,S) (R Bastian) M Madgwick 11-4	M Perrett	97
502	1	FLUTTER MONEY 16 (G) (R Dollar) A Hicks 11-4	S de Haan	● 99
503	1SP0P0	FORUM'S FOLLY 19 (S) (*The Forum Ltd*) D Hanley 11-4	*I Shoemark*	82
504	332404	KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 8 (B,F) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 11-4	P Holley (7)	98
511	0330	BAMAR LAD 14 29 (R Garner) M Bolton 11-0	R Goldstein	91
516	P00	ISLAND KING 21 (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) G Balding 11-0	J Frost	91
518	04PP0	ORIENTAL JADE 23 (P Lacy) G Roe 11-0	P McDermott (7)	87
521	B0000	R LAD (W Roker) M Madgwick 11-0	Mr D Madgwick (7)	—
522	0P	SUAVEZ MOI 120 (J Eddis) C Allen 11-0	S McCrystal (7)	—
525	0P0	THINK DESIGN 14 (Mrs S Green) A Moore 11-0	W Morris	—
527	00PP14	WAR CHILD 18 (S) (J Bird) A Moore 10-13	Candy Moore (4)	94

BETTING: 9-4 Flutter Money, 3-1 Fairthorne Lad, 9-2 Kingswood Resopal, 7-1 Island King, 15-2 Bamar Lad, 10-1 War Child, 12-1 Oriental Jade, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FAIRTHORNE LAD (11-0) beat Fresh-Mint (11-0) 8l at Hereford (2m, £685, good to firm, Mar 5, 16 ran).

FLUTTER MONEY (10-12) beat Bedfair (10-12) 1½l at Ludlow (2m, £907, good, Mar 3, 17 ran).

KINGSWOOD RESOPAL (10-10), on penultimate start, 12½l 5th to Surf Board (10-10) at Windsor (2m 30yd, £4885, good, Feb 20, 13 ran).

BAMAR LAD (10-10), on penultimate start, 8¾l 3rd to Matamain (10-10) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £945, soft, *Jan 18, 17 ran) with WAR CHILD (10-5) pulled up.*

ISLAND KING (10-6) 8th of 22 to Another Schedule (11-3) at Doncaster (2m 4f, £915, good, Feb 27).

WAR CHILD (10-9), penultimate start, beat Sonny Hill Lad (12-3) at Towcester (2m 5f, £1106, heavy, Feb 16, 14 ran).

Selection: KINGSWOOD RESOPAL

3.30 BIC ORANGE RAZOR NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,143: 2m) (13 runners)

604	222-001	SPRING FLIGHT 12 (D,S) (T Parrett) A Turnell 5-12-4 (8ex)	I Lawrence (7)	92
605	1F0001	IMPROVISE 15 (D,G) (J Campbell) W Kemp 5-12-2 (8ex)	S Shilston	77
612	020/F-	GWYN HOWARD 364 (T Yorke) R Akehurst 6-11-9	S Smith Eccles	94
615	00-0020	ARABIAN BLUES 19 (R Wright) B Stevens 5-11-7	R Strange	94
616	3402F2	BREAKFAST CAR 18 (J Lister) D Grissell 6-11-7	R Goldstein	89
618	043-R0	BOLD ARCHER 28 (M Hammer) M F-Godley 5-11-5	P Croucher	89
621	02-001F	EDOZIEN 43 (S) (Mrs M Lethbridge) M Dickinson 9-11-4	—	● 99
623	0-P00	ITMA 28 (R Gibbons) C Benstead 5-11-0	G Landau	96
624	400000	LE MODESTY 23 (R Smale) A Moore 8-11-0	W Morris	80
625	020303	GARDA'S GOLD 10 (T Little) R Dickin 5-11-0	M Jones (7)	92
628	42000-0	MASKEEN 78 (Mrs B Gonsalves) A Gonsalves 6-10-12	A Mulholland (7)	—
632	040P-	SOUSAGA 375 (Mrs S Marks) J King 5-10-4	—	—
633	00/000-P	MARCHESI 16 (Mrs C Ockwell) J O'Donoghue 7-10-3	R Campbell	—

BETTING: 5-2 Edozien, 4-1 Spring Flight, 11-2 Breakfast Car, 7-1 Bold Archer, Improvise, 9-1 Gwyn Howard, 10-1 Arabian Blues, 12-1 Garda's Gold, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM SPRING FLIGHT (11-0) 1¾l winner from Emrys (11-0) at Windsor (2m 30yd, Nov, £997, good to soft, Mar 7, 21 ran).

IMPROVISE (11-2) odds on 5l winner from Seaskill (10-12) in a Ludlow seller (2m, £703, good, Mar 3, 11 ran).

GWYN HOWARD (10-10) 3l 2nd to For A Lark (10-10) over course and distance in January 1986 (£685, heavy, 12 ran).

EDOZIEN, in touch when falling last time, previously (11-2) a 15l winner from Blushing Spy (10-12) in a *Leicester claimer (2m 4f, £685, heavy, Jan 1, 13 ran).*

ITMA (11-0) never nearer 15l 4th to Abbreviation (11-0) in a Windsor novice (2m 30yd, £794, good, Feb 20, 19 ran) last time.

GARDA'S GOLD (10-13) 2¾l 3rd to Bletschhorn Hut (11-7) at Bangor (2m 80yd, £2655, good, Mar 9, 16 ran) with ARABIAN BLUES (11-6) 21¾l 6th.

Selection: EDOZIEN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
N Gaselee	8	22	36.4
J Gifford	17	81	21.0
R Akehurst	7	37	18.9
G Balding	5	29	17.2
T Forster	7	41	17.1
A Turnell	4	27	14.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mr T Grantham	4	16	25.0
Steve Knight	7	32	21.9
R Rowe	14	68	20.6
S Smith Eccles	6	31	19.4
G Landau	3	18	16.7
D McKeown	3	20	15.0

CHEPSTOW

Selections
By Mandarin

2.15 Kodiak Island.
2.45 Gurteen Wood.
3.15 Vulgan Warrior.
3.45 Star Of Screen.
4.20 Dowjak.
4.50 I Wonder When.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 VULGAN WARRIOR (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 DOWJAK.

Going: heavy (7.30am inspection)

2.15 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,287: 3m) (20 runners)

2	2-041	OVER AND ABOVE 9 (S) (Mrs I Wills) N Henderson 6-11-10	J Osborne (4)	82
3	00	AMBER BLOSSOM 11 (Mrs J Peutherer) J Edwards 6-11-5	M Tompsett	75
4	00U034	ANOTHER TROUP 7 (R Townsend) R Townsend 6-11-5	Mr D Townsend (7)	95
6	340020	CANTORIAL 8 (E Tucker) C Popham 7-11-5	B Powell	57
8	000	CHANCE BUY 31 (C Nash) C Nash 5-11-5	M Bosley	—
11		HOMLEIGH MONARCH (Mrs S Massie) H O'Neill 7-11-5	D Gallagher (4)	—
13	0228	KODIAK ISLAND 57 (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-5	S Sherwood	82
15	2P22	MORE FOOL YOU 11 (D Goodenough) K Bishop 6-11-5	S Earle	● 99
16	0/2202-P	MR AVENGER 15 (Miss N Henton) G Ham 7-11-5	S Mackey	66
17	36P-P00	PADDYCOUP 15 (S Sharp) J Redmond 6-11-5	—	—
18	0083PP	PROUD SOLDIER 9 (P Talbot-Ponsoby) M Scudamore 5-11-5	P Scudamore	63
20	0000	ROSY PROSPECT 14 (H Joel) D Nicholson 5-11-5	R Dunwoody	81
23	00440	SELINDA VARD 25 (G Lansbury) R Armytage 6-11-0	G McCourt	77
25	0U0	BRAMPFORD WAY 11 (Mrs R Fell) Mrs R Fell 10-11-0	P Nicholls	80
27	000	IMPY WAY 11 (K Weisselberg) K Weisselberg 5-11-0	Mr M Richards	—
28	0/FP0P-0	MARCH MEMORIES 84 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 8-11-0	J Robson	—
30	U04-9	SCARLET DYMOND 59 (S Loughbridge) F Hollis 8-11-0	G Charles Jones	65
32	22-0000	TACHYLINE 14 (A Page) J Honeyball 7-11-0	Peter Hobbs	79
33	000	WILLOW WREN 60 (Miss K Whitehouse) Mrs W Sykes 5-11-0	C Llewellyn	—
34	0	BENCREIGH 14 (R Bennett) R Bennett 4-10-9	G Davies	—

BETTING: 9-4 Over And Above, 3-1 Kodiak Island, 5-1 More Fool You, 8-1 Rosy Pospect, 10-1 Brampford Way, Another Troup, 12-1 Amber Blossom, 14-1 others.

1987: DON'T RING ME 5-11-0 P Scudamore (100-30) M Pipe 20 ran

2.45 TONY PRESTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,948: 3m) (15 runners)

4	01F0F1	GURTEEN WOOD 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 8-11-9	S Sherwood	95
7	20P/611	COOL SUN 9 (D,S) (L Hamilton) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-6	C Llewellyn	94
9	0131F4	WOODGATE 14 (D,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 7-11-6	P Nicholls	82
10	034000	BALITO 22 (G) (M Marsh) D Barons 7-11-2	Peter Hobbs	—
11	0000FP/	CALL THE GUARDS 1206 (S) (*A Hobbs*) *P Hobbs 10-11-2*	P Scudamore	—
12	00/023P	CELTIC FLEET 17 (B,S) (R Beswick) J Spearing 7-11-2	Mr A Forte (7)	—
18	F0P0FF	JOE FLASH 9 (F Gorman) F Gorman 9-11-2	A Sharpe	—
19	P/000P0	KEEP FIGHTING 10 (S) (Mrs P Aldersey) M Scudamore 8-11-2	A Webb	—
25	04PPPP	PRINCE VIDAR 9 (Miss P Neal) Miss P Neal 9-11-2	A Merrigan	67
27	10-0841	RIVERNOT 5 (D,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-11-2	W Humphreys (4)	—
29	48-00FU	SHOTINGO 16 (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 8-11-2	P Powell	—
34	0000F0	LA BELLE ROSE 12 (J Dell) G Roe 7-10-11	R J Beggan	—
35	0P3-102	LARCHWOOD 75 (S) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 7-10-11	N Dawe	—
36	0/1140-2	PERFECT DOUBLE 229 (BF,S) (J Blackwell) Miss J Thorne 7-10-11	R Dunwoody	88
37	FP4083	RALEIGH GAZELLE 23 (BF) (R Newton) W G M Turner 6-10-11	—	—

BETTING: 11-4 Gurteen Wood, 3-1 Cool Sun, 4-1 Larchwood, 9-2 Perfect Double, 11-2 Rivernot, 10-1 Woodgate, 16-1 others.

1987: DODDYS SPECIAL 12-10-9 Miss H Handel (7-1) H Handel 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
O Sherwood	6	25	24.0
T Forster	10	45	22.2
D Barons	11	51	21.6
Mrs M Rimell	9	48	18.8
R Holder	4	22	18.2
Mrs J Pitman	8	44	18.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Runners	Rides
P Scudamore	30	105	28.6
D Browne	5	23	21.7
S Sherwood	8	37	21.6
M Pitman	4	19	21.1
P Nicholls	5	31	16.1
R Dunwoody	5	39	12.8

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 — B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. *H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner.* D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.15 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,298: 3m) (20 runners)

1	34-201	LE CAROTTE 15 (F,G) (Mrs J May) P Hobbs 6-11-10	Peter Hobbs	86
2	4212	STREAM BRIDGE 14 (D,BF,S) (P Stamp) O Sherwood 7-11-10	S Sherwood	97
3	42-2010	UNICOL 15 (S) (Unicol Group Holdings) S Mellor 6-11-10	G Charles Jones	85
5	04	CAPELI CONE 11 (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 6-11-5	R Bellamy (7)	84
10	1-403	FOREST RANGER 22 (BF,S) (K Al-Saud) J Edwards 6-11-5	T Morgan	84
11	0-0	FORTY YEARS ON 24 (Major I Straker) N Henderson 6-11-5	—	—
12	000	FOUR FROM THE EDGE 25 (A Armitage) D Nicholson 5-11-5	R Dunwoody	—
14	0-2	GOOD WORD 23 (Lord Matthews) I V Matthews 6-11-5	G McCourt	94
15		HA'PENNY BRIDGE (M Bull) N Aylliffe 5-11-5	M Aylliffe	—
17	0230P/0	NICKY'S KNIGHT 22 (L Iwens) Mrs I McKie 7-11-5	L Harvey	—
20	000/FP0	PLUMBERS MATE 12 (A Brewer) R Dickin 9-11-5	R Hyett	—
22	0-000	QUARRY MERCHANT 11 (Mrs S Gill) Mrs S Gill 7-11-5	W Humphreys (4)	—
25	0/2-0010	TANTE MARIE 29 (S) (Mrs M Brubaker) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5	M Pitman	80
27	20-0334	VULGAN WARRIOR 14 (Mrs M Wilson) A J Wilson 6-11-5	A Webb	● 99
30	40-B02	YIRAGAN 11 (M Marsh) D Barons 5-11-5	P Nicholls	91
31	00040/0-	BALLYGLASS LADY 616 (Miss S Clarke) J Clugg 7-11-0	P Dever	—
33	00-00	CHATTY LASS 96 (P Beaham-Powell) K Bishop 6-11-0	S Earle	—
34	00	DOLLY WARDANCE 67 (N Brookes) N Brookes 5-11-0	Mr N Brookes	—
38	042-080	SIDHE GAOTH 48 (R Bennett) E Wheeler 5-11-0	—	—
39	PP	TACO 58 (M Hill) M Hill 6-11-0	D Wonnacott	—

BETTING: 2-1 Vulgan Warrior, 5-1 Good Word, 11-2 Le Carotte, 6-1 Stream Bridge, Yiragan, 7-1 Forest Ranger, 8-Capeli Cone, Forty Years On, 12-1 others.

1987: THATS FOR SURE 8-11-5 R Dunwoody (4-1) D Nicholson 19 ran

3.45 MARATHON CHASE (Listed race: £5,755: 3m 6f) (5 runners)

3	343P0F	BROADHEATH 21 (C,F,G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 11-11-2	P Nicholls	● 99
8	001F03	MEMBERSON 11 (F,G,S) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 10-11-2	R Dunwoody	95
12	220/040	SIDBURY HILL 7 (S) (S Pike) S Pike 12-11-2	M Williams	65
13	FU1213	STAR OF SCREEN 10 (BF,F,G,S) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 8-11-2	T Morgan	96
14	333311	THE THIRSTY FARMER 28 (B,C,S) (Mrs S King) R Holder 9-11-2	N Coleman	65

BETTING: 10-11 Star Of Screen, 5-2 The Thirsty Farmer, 4-1 Broadheath, 10-1 Memberson, *33-1 Sidbury Hill.*

1987: LAST SUSPECT 13-11-2 R Dunwoody (5-1) T Forster 4 ran

4.20 STATUS (G B) SPRING NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,501: 2m) (6 runners)

1	3-0000F	SOLAR CLOUD 64 (D,G,S) (B Brooks) D Nicholson 6-11-13	R Dunwoody	—
6	3013F2	NOBLE EYRE 14 (D, BF,S) (M Chandler) D Gandolfo 7-10-7	M Williams	83

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND AND IRELAND ARE HOPING TO SALVAGE SOMETHING FROM A DISAPPOINTING SEASON AT TWICKENHAM

A centenary game needing tries to make it an occasion

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

When you reach a century — as the series between England and Ireland does at Twickenham this afternoon — then *you sometimes feel moved to* mark the occasion with something special. Victory will do but, as England discovered in Scotland a fortnight ago, it is not always sufficient — the critics want style, too.

Not that the critics minded very much two years ago when, on a frostbound surface, England scored four tries, three of which amounted to pushovers for Dean Richards (though one was given as a penalty try). On the day the crowd were fortunate to have a game; perhaps this season rugby enthusiasts had received so many goodies during the first three weekends of the five nations' championship, that they felt deprived when the fourth weekend came up with a couple of thoroughly unmemorable matches.

But they were not unmemorable for the players: Wales had a triple crown to celebrate in Ireland, England a (slightly dented) Calcutta Cup and their first win in the championship against Scotland. Success, clearly, is relative.

Having overcome that hurdle — the possibility of a championship whitewash — England go into today's match, sponsored by Save and Prosper, in a tolerably ebullient mood, for all the furore that has surrounded Richards this week. "I think this England squad has a long way to go," Geoff Cooke, their manager, said. "They are developing confidence and a pattern of play.

"I want to consolidate the work we have done when we tour in Australia and look for a good season next season. There is a mood of optimism in the team. I really feel that things are moving forward for us and, even amid the defeats, the players have felt that one day they are going to go out and stuff someone."

Now the cynics, as opposed to the critics, may feel they have heard this before but England will not have a better opportunity than today to make good their optimistic expressions. Ireland, who are never better than when they are being written off, began their season on a high against Scotland but have since been forced to descend.

Their scrummage remains a thing of bits and pieces, their lineout a variable force. In both areas, though, we await with interest to see what Clive Norling makes of them. Norling was on the touch at Murrayfield a fortnight ago and able to take a close look at Probyn's controversial style of propping, as well as Rendall's energetic contribution to his front jumper at the lineout.

Norling is arguably the world's best referee, who will also have watched on video Ireland's assault upon Norster early in the triple crown match in Dublin. If he sees illegalities in either area or English bodies — as Derrick Grant, the Scotland coach, suggested after the Calcutta Cup match — permanently on the wrong side in the loose, he will blow.

What both countries yearn for is early ball. Ireland's talented back division has had little chance to express itself this season and now they have MacNeill back behind them, they may attack with more certainty, but only if Bradley is able to escape English predators and capitalize on the willingness of Matthews and McBride.

It is more likely that England will get the better ball, certainly from the set pieces, which is where the decision-making process to which Cooke has referred this week comes in. "Good players are the ones who make the right decisions most often," he said. "It's relatively easy to improve technique but vision and decision-making skills are harder and more crucial."

The decision-making in midfield was poor against Scotland. Andrew, Carling and Webb were all guilty of misjudgements but they now have the opportunity to make amends, particularly in broken play. The support offered by Rees will be invaluable and if England cannot break their championship duck and score a try I shall be surprised.

The last time England went through a championship season without scoring a try was in 1959, when they lost only one match. I doubt if the players or management are worried from which area of the team they come — and, judging from the rapturous applause which greeted Richards's tries against Ireland two years ago, neither, at heart, are the spectators.



Over to you: Andrew, the England stand-off, gets the ball away in a training session yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Dubroca returns to the land

By Chris Than

Daniel Dubroca, the gentleman-farmer from Sainte Bazeille, appears for the last time in the five nations' championship today when he leads France out against the Welsh in Cardiff. Dubroca suggested his retirement when, at the beginning of the season, he announced his withdrawal after this summer's South American tour.

"Argentina is a natural end for my career because it was there where it really took off in 1985," Dubroca, aged 35, said. "When I went on tour, I was a fourth-choice prop and the reserve hooker, though I had already won eight caps by then. On tour, I captained France and played hooker in several midweek games."

In the autumn of 1985, Japan had the misfortune to visit France and were flattened by almost identical scores — 50-0 and 52-0 — in Dax and Nantes respectively. In Nantes, Dubroca — described by Raoul Barrière as the only French forward since Domenech capable of playing in any position — played for the last time alongside Philippe Dintrans, an association they had started against Wales in 1976 and the man to whom he is likely to hand over the reins both as hooker and captain.

Soon after Nantes, Dintrans was seriously injured and his future looked bleak. Without the rugged Tarbes hooker the French team appeared to be in trouble. But Jacques Fouroux, the coach, played another of his winning, yet controversial, cards. He appointed Dubroca captain and hooker.

"I never thought I would play hooker let alone be captain of the French team. I always thought myself as heir to Paparemborde, but it was Garuet who became the number one tight head. There were these five or six kilograms. I was too light by international standards. Then out of the blue the decision which has given my career a new lease of life."

His first match as captain against Scotland was a failure. Dubroca had played twice before at Murrayfield and ended on the losing side on both occasions. This year he failed for the fourth time to break the jinx of Murrayfield, sharing the fate of his former opponent, Colin Deans, who never managed to win a game in Paris.

But after shrugging off the disappointment of the 1986 defeat, Dubroca, together with his mentor, Fouroux, understood that discipline was the missing ingredient in France's winning formula. After Murrayfield, the discipline of the French improved beyond recognition and the grand slam the following year was a direct result of the near miss of 1986. However, as he pointed out the turning point in his career, and probably of the entire French team, was the second international against the All Blacks in Nantes in 1986.

"I think that the grand slam and the relative success in the World Cup were forged there. A team spirit was born in Nantes. I have always believed that rugby is first and foremost a team game. The team is the cradle, that is why Nantes was so important. It gave the French team a collective soul."

The land brings Dubroca much-needed balance. Married to the daughter of Jean Ramo, a former *Rugby League* international, Dubroca returns to his fruit farm time and again to find solace. "I like the solitude of the land after the pressures and trauma of international rugby. I have sacrificed a lot for the game. The rewards were equally great but there is a time for *everything in life.*

"The land, the seasons and the family have played an important role in my life. The fourth dimension was the game. I was lucky to win all those honours. However, I have never been a star. I don't enjoy the limelight. I am an ambitious man yet I believe in fate and balance in life. I have achieved a much-needed balance. As far as fate is concerned, I was simply a rugby player to happen to be in the right place at the right time."

DUBROCA CAREER DETAILS

Born 25th April, 1954
1968 joined Agen club
1972 plays for France under-19s against Welsh under-19s, in Chambery
1976 plays for France B alongside Dintrans France B v Wales B, at Pontypool
1978 Helps Agen to French championship.
1979 wins first cap against New Zealand, at Auckland, July 14
1979 Mediterranean games. Plays loose head in a world record win: France 104, Tunisia 3
1980 Tour of South Africa (does not play in internationals)
1982 makes five nations' debut in England's 27-15 win over France, in Paris
1982 Captains Agen to French championship
1984 Loses grand slam to Scotland 12-21, in Edinburgh.
1985 Tours Argentina. Hooker and mid week team captain.
1986 is captain and hooker of France for first time, in 18-17 defeat by Scotland.
1986 Runner-up French championship final, in May — badly concussed.
1986 Victory over the All Blacks in the second international, in November, at Nantes.
1987 Secures the fourth French grand slam.
1987 France are World Cup runners-up, in June.
1988 Share in five nations' championship? Retirement from international rugby.

Youth underwritten by programme cost rise

The 63,000 or so enthusiasts who flock to Twickenham today will find the cost of the match programme has increased, from 60p to £1 (David Hands writes). But the pound leaving their pockets is going to a worthy cause with 20p from each going towards the Wavell Wakefield Youth Trust.

The trust was established four years ago to help develop youth rugby, in terms of insurance, teaching and coaching. It covers the interests of colts and mini-rugby players, as well as the student and school RFUs. The anticipated minimum expenditure this year is £245,000 and the Rugby Football Union's constituent bodies are accountable for the way in which they spend their allocation: among the guidelines being a stricture that no money should be spent on cups or medals.

The trustees are also concerned to help establish youth development officers throughout the country. That principle has been established in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Durham and two part-time jobs have recently been advertized in London. The programme sales at international matches vary depending on the visitors but the print order is between 45 and 53,000.

Tour party place is the lure

Scotland's excursion to Chalons-sur-Saône — where they play France in a B international tomorrow — may confirm several places in the party that will tour Zimbabwe in May (David Hands writes). In particular a bright future is opening up for Chalmers and Armstrong, the under-21 half backs, who are more acutely aware than most of the vacancies existing in the senior side. It is Chalmers's first B game, as it is Stark's on the wing.

David Milne returns to the front row to play alongside his brother, Kenneth, for the third time at this level.

FRANCE B: J Dupuy (Toulouse); B Lacombe (Agen), P Peyfaun (Bayonne), P Tremouille (Toulon), E Beyze (Agen); F Vèle (Grenoble), R Modin (Brive, capt); M Diaz (Toulon), J-P Canin (Valence), J-M Romand (Grenoble), P Arthapignet (Tarbes), Y Roux (Toulon), P Béraud (Dax), K Janik (Toulouse), C Deslandes (Montferrand).
SCOTLAND B: I Ramsey (Melrose); D Stark (Kilmarnock), L Renwick (London Scottish), R Maclean (Gloucester), T Patterson-Brown (London Scottish); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); D Milne (Heriot's FP), K Milne (Heriot's FP), D Butcher (Harlequins), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP), C Gray (Nottingham), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), G Marshall (Wakefield), H Parker (Kilmarnock).
Referee: R Beamish (Ireland).

Nothing but pride at stake today

By Ian McLauchlan

The early finish to Scotland's international season and the completion of the McEwan's national leagues has taken the edge off today's fixtures and left them with a rather flat and uninteresting look.

This domestic feeling of anticlimax is somewhat heightened by the departure yesterday of the Scottish B squad which faces the French on Sunday.

The only really meaningful games are in the Border League. At Netherdale, where Gala and Melrose meet, Gala find themselves confined to another season in the second division, while the buoyant Melrose finished third in the first. Melrose have Shiel deputizing for Chalmers, the B international stand-off, Robertson returns to partner Turnbull at centre, and Redpath, the Scotland under-18 captain, comes in to play at full back. Gala have Dods, the international full back, at centre, with Kemp drafted into the gap.

Selkirk have rearranged their Border League fixture with Langholm at Milntown. Anderson is recalled to full back with McGauchie returning at stand-off. Langholm, who have won the third division title, are at full strength.

Stirling County, who missed promotion to the first division on points difference, entertain Heriots, who finished fifth in the first division. Both sides have players missing with the B squad: Graham, the home loose-head prop, and the Milne brothers, David and Kenneth, from Heriots. Pollock replaces Graham; Heriots, who, by their recent standards, have had a poor season, opt for youth. McDiarmid is at centre and Johnstone at scrum half, while Parr, Shand, Turnbull and Simpson all come into the pack. This very young team will be well-tested by the home side.

Hawick, the deposed first division champions, have Robson on the wing, Sharp at centre in place of the Murray and Nicol at tight-head prop in place of McGuinnes, who is in Oman with the Saltires. Edwards, the Boroughmuir centre, is another Middle East tourist, and he is replaced by McLaughlin for their game at Mansfield Park.

TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

England			Ireland	
J M Webb (Bristol)	15	Full Back	H P MacNeill (London Irish)	15
R Underwood (Leicester)	14	Right wing	T M Ringland (Ballymena)	14
S J Halliday (Bath)	13	Right centre	B J Mullin (Blackrock College)	13
W D C Carling (Harlequins)	12	Left centre	M J Kiernan (Dolphin)	12
C Oti (Nottingham)	11	Left wing	K D Crossan (Instonians)	11
C R Andrew (Wasps)	10	Stand off	P M Dean (St Mary's College)	10
N D Melville* (Wasps)	9	Scrum half	M T Bradley (Cork Constitution)	9
P A G Rendall (Wasps)	1	Prop	T P J Clancy (Lansdowne)	1
B C Moore (Nottingham)	2	Hooker	T J Kingston (Dolphin)	2
J A Probyn (Wasps)	3	Prop	D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne)	3
M G Skinner (Harlequins)	6	Flanker	P M Matthews (Wanderers)	6
J Orwin (Bedford)	4	Lock	D G Lenihan* (Cork Constitution)	4
W A Dooley (Fylde)	5	Lock	M M F Moylett (Shannon)	5
G W Rees (Nottingham)	7	Flanker	W D McBride (Malone)	7
D Richards (Leicester)	8	No 8	W A Anderson (Dungannon)	8
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: C Norling (Wales)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 B Barley (Wakefield), 17 L Cusworth (Leicester), 18 R M Harding (Bristol), 19 G J Chilcott (Bath), 20 R G R Dawe (Bath), 21 D Egerton (Bath).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 J J McCoy (Bangor), 17 J P McDonald (Malone), 18 D Whittle (Bangor), 19 F P Aherne (Dolphin), 20 R P Keyes (Cork Constitution), 21 P P Danaher (Lansdowne).

TODAY'S TEAMS AT CARDIFF

Wales			France	
P H Thorburn (Neath)	15	Full Back	S Blanco (Biarritz)	15
I C Evans (Llanelli)	14	Right wing	J-B Lafond (Racing Club de France)	14
M G Ring (Pontypool)	13	Right centre	P Sella (Agen)	13
B Bowen* (South Wales Police)	12	Left centre	M Andrieu (Nimes)	12
A M Hadley (Cardiff)	11	Left wing	P Lagisquet (Bayonne)	11
J Davies (Llanelli)	10	Stand off	J-P Lescarboura (Dax)	10
R N Jones (Swansea)	9	Scrum half	P Berbizier (Agen)	9
S T Jones (Pontypool)	1	Prop	L Armary (Lourdes)	1
I J Watkins (Ebbw Vale)	2	Hooker	D Dubroca* (Agen)	2
D Young (Swansea)	3	Prop	P Ondarts (Biarritz)	3
R Phillips (Neath)	6	Flanker	M Ceçillon (Bourgoin)	6
P May (Llanelli)	4	Lock	A Lorieux (Aix-les-Bains)	4
R L Norster (Cardiff)	5	Lock	J Condom (Biarritz)	5
R G Collins (South Wales Police)	7	Flanker	A Carminati (Béziers	7
W P Moriarty (Swansea)	8	No 8	L Rodriguez (Dax)	8
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: F A Howard (England)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 G M C Webbe (Bridgend), 17 M R Hall (Bridgend), 18 J Griffiths (Llanelli), 19 J Pugh (Neath), 20 K H Phillips (Neath), 21 M A Jones (Neath).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 P Dintrans (Tarbes), 17 J-P Garuet (Lourdes), 18 P Semerre (Racing Club de France), 19 H Sanz (Narbonne), 20 D Charvet (Toulouse), 21 J-P Trille (Tarbes).

Date clash causes league problems

By David Hands

The competitive element added to English rugby this season by the Courage Clubs Championship brings differing views when, as happens today, league games clash with international dates. In the first division, Coventry play Harlequins and stay with an afternoon kick-off, while in the second division London Welsh play in the morning against Headingley.

John Butler, a Coventry spokesman, said: "We were thinking about changing, but decided against it because of the importance of the match. Harlequins are a point behind us, but they have a game in hand so we really need the victory." Tim Mallinson, Headingley's spokesman, suggested his club would have preferred to play in the afternoon, but the proximity of Old Deer Park to Twickenham was a strong argument for advancing the kick-off time.

Coventry and Harlequins are third and second from the bottom of the first division and the London club, who are already short of a host of players, will hope that Olver, their captain, can play for them at hooker even though he was engaged last night against Spain for England B.

Moseley, too, hope to see Linnett and Robson in good working order for their match against Waterloo. It is Moseley's last league match of the season and victory would leave them without relegation fears and able to concentrate upon their cup semi-final.

Orwin, England's lock and pack leader against Ireland today, will decide tomorrow morning whether to turn out for Bedford in their second division match with Saracens. Bedford still have a prospect of promotion to lure them on and Orwin, who celebrates his 34th birthday tomorrow, has made a significant difference to them whenever he has been present.

Rosslyn Park, the leaders of the second division, can only sit tight and watch the rest creep up on them. They have ended their league programme with 37 points and can still be overtaken by Liverpool-St Helens, but it would take a major effort of point scoring by Bedford to deprive them of a first-division place next season.

● Toshiba, one of the leading Japanese clubs, begin their second tour of Britain when they play Pencoed tomorrow. Their first visit was four years ago and they arrive having beaten Toyota in the inter-company championship. Their playing party includes Mukai, the Japanese national side's full back, and Toshima, who toured in Wales with Japan in 1983.

TOSHIBA TOUR ITINERARY: 20 March: v Pencoed; 23 Mar: v Pontyclun; 27 Mar: v Plymouth Albion; 30 Mar: v Bristol; 3 Apr: v London Scottish.

All Blacks top sevens seeding

Sydney (AFP) — New Zealand will be the main seed at the bicentennial sevens here in April, but the organisers caused a minor surprise by also announcing that South Korea would also be among the top eight.

Tonga and Western Samoa are unseeded, like Japan and the United States, who also took part in last year's World Cup.

DRAW (two from each pool qualify for quarter-finals): Pool A: New Zealand, Wales, Western Samoa, Hong Kong. Pool B: Australia, Scotland, Japan, Spain. Pool C: Fiji, Argentina, USA, Netherlands. Pool D: France, South Korea, Tonga, Canada.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Harlequins
Coventry have Hyde back at lock and a back row of Suckling, Wright and Travers, who replaces the injured Robbins at No. 8. Harlequins have eight *first-choice players absent.*

Orrell v Gloucester
Langford returns at full back to lead Orrell, who have Ainscough at stand-off. Gloucester move Mogg to centre for the absent Maclean and Price returns to the wing; Etheridge continues at lock for the injured Brain.

Moseley v Waterloo
Moseley hope Linnett and Robson will be fit to play after appearing last night in the B international and switch Arntzen to full back. Waterloo are without Jenkins (centre) and Peters (prop).

Nottingham v L Scottish
Nottingham are without six leading players and bring Sims (wing), Stiles (centre) and Gareth Jenkins (stand-off) into the backs. Taylor (hooker), Hindmarsh (lock) and Morgan (flanker) rejoin the pack.

L Welsh v Headingley
Pill and Jones return to the Welsh wing with Evans fit again at stand-off. Lewis and Sweeney play in the pack against the Yorkshire club who have *Swales (full back), Appleson (wing),* Fraser (lock) and Hargreaves (flanker) returning.

Sheffield v Nuneaton
Goodliffe returns from injury to play full back for Sheffield, who also have Hodgson and Parr available at flanker.

Wakefield v West H'pool
Rawnsley returns to lead Wakefield from No. 8 but, with Barley and Marshall away, Cowling plays centre and Fennell flanker. West Hartlepool are unchanged.

Tomorrow

Saracens v Bedford
Saracens have Smith back at centre and Barcelon plays his first senior game for three years on the wing. Pattinson is at lock so Adamson rejoins Ryan in the back row.

Ireland name manager for French tour

The Irish Rugby Football Union has confirmed the four fixtures to be undertaken in France during May and also that the tour manager will be K. E. Reid, the Ulster branch secretary (George Ace writes).

The tour party will play its first game against Cote Basque at Biarritz on May 12. Armagnac Bigorre supply the opposition at Auch on May 14, Bretagne at Lorient on May 18, with the final game against the French Barbarians at La Rochelle on May 22.

Donal Lenihan, the Irish captain, will not be available.

FIXTURES: Today: Ulster Senior Club: Academy v Ards, City of Derry v Ballymena, Portadown v Galwegians, Bangor v NIFC, Dungannon v Highfield, Queen's University v Wanderers, GYMS v Collegians, Instonians v Ballynahinch, Leinster Senior Club: Bective Rangers v Sunday's Well, Skerries v Young Munster.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Revival at Hull is a warning to Wigan

By Keith Macklin

The match at the Boulevard tomorrow is charged with immense significance on several fronts. For Hull it is an opportunity both to win valuable points in their struggle against relegation and to assert their newly created confidence, just in time for next weekend's Challenge Cup semi-final.

Wigan, their visitors, have the chance to erase the memory of midweek defeat by Warrington and to revive their hopes of a cup and championship double.

The change in Hull's fortunes in the last fortnight has been little short of remarkable. Just before Len Casey resigned as coach they seemed doomed and were dismissed as no-hopers in the cup. The elevation of the assistant coaches, Tony Dean and Keith Hepworth, has breathed fresh life into the side, and last Sunday they suprisingly beat their cup semi-final opponents, Halifax. To follow this with a victory over Wigan, or at least a sterling performance in defeat, would considerably enhance Hull's confidence as they prepare for the semi-final at Headingley.

Wigan are a worried club at the moment. Their main problem is the hamstring injury to their precociously brilliant half-back and captain, Shaun Edwards, aged 21. He is expected to be out of the game for at least a month, and there are even morbid fears that he will not recover in time for Wembley on April 30, though these seem a little exaggerated.

The new leaders, St Helens, should have no difficulty in holding on to their place at Swinton, where the home side are almost certainly sentenced to second division rugby next season. Widnes, who have been unseated from top position after being eight points clear a couple of weeks ago, are at home to Leeds in a match vital to both clubs' hopes of winning the championship.

Other teams still remotely in the hunt for the title are Warrington, who are at home to another relegation-threatened club in Leigh, and Bradford Northern, who should take advantage of the trough of depression which has settled over Salford since last Saturday's semi-final defeat.

An international double-header at St Helens sees Great Britain meeting France at under-21 and colts level.

ROWING

University women are main event

By Jim Railton

This weekend is going to be exceptionally busy for Oxford and Cambridge oarsmen and women. The men's crews, preparing for the Boat Race on April 2 for the Beefeater Gin Trophy, are on the Tideway this morning against top British squad lightweight crews and there is a hint that for the first time some form guide may be possible.

Tomorrow at Henley on the Royal Regatta course, the Oxford and Cambridge women's Boat Race takes place at 3 p.m. The programme of racing between Oxford and Cambridge crews starts an hour before, opening up with the women's lightweights, followed by the women's reserve crews Osiris (Oxford) against Blondie; and after the main affair the Oxford and Cambridge men's lightweights battle it out.

On the Tideway today Cambridge take on the London-based squad lightweight crew, while Oxford tackle the Nottingham lightweight squad, who last year were only two seconds down on the squad heavyweight eight in the Head of the River Race. Oxford and Cambridge will undertake major performances against these crews this morning. Tomorrow the London and Nottingham lightweights will take each other on.

The Cambridge women's eight tomorrow contains three winning Blues — Stephanie Burras, Charlotte Williams and Joanna Burch. The Cambridge crew also contains two sisters, Rachael and Lucinda Cane, sitting in the two and three seats.

The Oxford crew has two Blues from last year, Annabel Eyres and Kath O'Malley, and they appear to be a wandering tribe with Nicola Wilberforce, a member of last year's Greek trireme, and Juliette Baird having rowed in South America on an Amazon expedition. Both crews appear to be fit and well and there is little form guide. The Oxford and Cambridge women's Boat Race was founded in 1927 and judged on style tomorrow's 1988 women's Boat Race will be judged by aggression, fitness, tactics and skill.

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FOOTBALL

Sansom accepts his Arsenal demotion in the best spirit

By Clive White

Kenny Sansom, the England full back, was yesterday gently eased out of the Arsenal team to face Newcastle United today, thereby adding further weight to the rumour that his days at Highbury are numbered. The omission also of Richardson conveniently supported the official view that the players were being rested because of the excessive demands of the season.

The way in which Sansom, who recently had the captaincy stripped from him, diplomatically accepted the decision, as opposed to his outrage at the purchase of Nigel Winterburn last May, seemed to indicate that he knew his place in next month's Littlewoods Cup final was secure at least.

Sansom's place today, indirectly, goes to Lee Dixon, the recent £400,000 signing from Stoke City, although Winterburn, who has been performing regulary at right back, will wear Sansom's No. 3 shirt.

Sansom, who is still considered England's best left back by Bobby Robson, the national manager, said: "I am being rested and I am quite happy about the situation. It should mean I will be nice and sharp for the England match next week. We have a busy schedule coming up and the manager is making use of our squad of players. I've no comment to make about my future but there may well be plenty of rumours. We'll just have to wait and see."

Of his successor, Sansom said generously: "Lee has done very well and looks a fine prospect. Hopefully he will carry on progressing and that should see him make a great impression." Graham was not about to disagree. "Lee is keen and ambitious and that's reflected in his play. He is fast and loves to attack," he said.

Of course it could be that there is nothing sinister about Graham's decision. He has often said that his aim is to have a large, talented squad where there is permanent competition for places — as at Anfield. One had some sympathy for him yesterday when he remarked: "Why do people make such a fuss when we leave out big names. They don't at Liverpool."

One senses though that his reason on this occasion is not so much to give players a breather as to examine his options after the FA Cup quarter-final defeat to Nottingham Forest last week.

Davis, who takes over from Richardson, was, in Graham's view, one of Arsenal's outstanding performers until a hernia operation put him out for nearly three months.

While Graham searches for the right combination, John Lyall, the West Ham United manager, will hope that his search for a suitable partner for Cottee is over.

Having been turned down by most of the leading available centre forwards, he lowered his sights yesterday and signed Leroy Rosenior for £275,000 from Fulham.

Lyall, desperate to keep Cottee happy as much as the Upton Park afficionados, must have decided that it was worth the gamble; Rosenior, 24 next week, had an unhappy spell in the top flight with Queen's Park Rangers, scoring nine goals in over 40 games. Rangers eventually exchanged him last summer for Parker and Coney. West Ham hope to play him today at home against Watford.

Lyall said: "Having looked at the top end of the market, I have decided to give this young lad a chance, just as we did with Ward and McAvennie."

GOLF

Davies in the lead with record round

Tucson (Reuter) — Laura Davies scored a course record nine-under-par 63 on Thursday to lead the LPGA Tucson Open by four strokes over Sally Little, of South Africa. The British woman broke the old course mark of 64 set by Penny Pulz, of Australia, in 1986.

Davies shot a three-under-par 32 on the front nine, recording birdies on the third, fifth and eighth holes. She improved on the back nine with birdies on the 10th, 13th, 15th, 17th and 18th holes. The only time she went one over par was on the 14th.

"I was putting really well," Davies said. "I like the course a lot. It suits my game. You can hit the ball a little off line and get away with it."

The player closest to Davies is the 16-year tour veteran, Little, who started on the back nine and opened with birdies on her first three holes.

She added birdies on the 14th, 15th and 18th holes. Little made the turn at six under and went on to birdie the fourth. She was one over par on the fifth and sixth and finished there at five under.

Patty Sheehan is in third place with a 68. "I hit a lot of greens but it was kind of a ho-hum round. I am pretty happy with the way things went," she said.

FIRST ROUND (US unless stated): 63: L Davies (GB); S Little (SA). 68: P Sheehan. 69: R Walton. 70: S Sanders. 71: N Lopez, P Jordan, H Farr, M Murphy. 72: Ok Hee Ku (S Kor). 74: A-M Palli (Fr), P Pulz (Aus), S Tonkin (Aus).



In the swing: Davies setting the tone of the tournament

HOCKEY

Lister has tough task ahead with young side

By Cathy Harris

Six players promoted from last season's under-21 team are included in England's squad for the Tipp-Ex trophy match against Spain at Wembley this afternoon. Carolyn Brown, Tammy Miller, Kathy Edwards, Joan Lewis, Mandy Pickles and Tracey Wilce face the daunting prospect of making their international debuts in front of more than 30,000 spectators at hockey's annual showpiece.

Sue Slocombe, the England coach, acknowledges that it is a very inexperienced side, but said: "They all have tremendous talent and skill and provided they aren't overcome by the occasion we should do well."

The captain, Sandy Lister, is England's most experienced player. Her outstanding leadership and industrious midfield play should inspire her young team. Sue Holwell returns as sweeper after recovering from an eye operation and the striker, Mary Cheetham, brings pace and flair to the forward line.

In five encounters England have not lost to Spain and Slocombe says the Spanish will be determined to avenge their 6-1 defeat in last year's European Cup. Their powerful corner specialist, Silvia Antem, was second highest goalscorer in the tournament but the heavy grass pitch at Wembley could inhibit her skills.

ENGLAND SQUAD: M Barrows (Derbyshire), V Hallen (Sheffield League), S Bramble (Gloucestershire), K Edwards (Norfolk), S Lister (Essex, capt), C Liddell (Essex), L Bayliss (Staffordshire), R Goodridge (Devon), S Holwell (Leicestershire), M Cheetham (Leicestershire), J Lewis (Derbyshire), M Pickles (Bedford CHE), T Miller (Devon), T Wilce (Suffolk), C Brown (Devon), M Smith (Yorkshire).
SPANISH SQUAD: M V Gonzalez-Laguillo, N Dorado, V Ramirez, M C Bares, A Naques, M C Aparicio, M A Rodriguez, S Barrio, C Comas, M Munoz, T Molina, S Antem, M Coghan (capt), N Olive, A Canal, M I Martinez de Murgusa.

● France will play a series of internationals in Britain between March 24 and April 3, first playing Scotland, then the north of England and finally Wales over the Easter weekend (Joyce Whitehead writes).
WALES: J Lovegrove, T Thomas, H Thomas, H Morgan, H Green, S Crowley, S Jones, M Williams, H Jones, K Williams, K Roderick, F McCarthy, L Harris, W Davies, S Lloyd, A Jones.

Real's resolve to be tested again

By Clive White

In keeping with their luck throughout this season's European Cup competition, Real Madrid, the champions six times, were yesterday given possibly the most awkward draw of all in the semi-final round when they were paired with PSV Eindhoven, with the second leg to be played in The Netherlands.

If Real, who last won the competition in 1966, defeat the Dutch club, they could find themselves in a final of classic overtones in Stuttgart on May 25. But first Benfica, who beat Real 5-3 in the 1962 final, will need to overcome the formidable Steaua Bucharest, who this week eliminated Rangers.

Joaquin Trigo, Real's general manager, said after the draw in Geneva: "The god of fortune once again wanted to put us to a difficult test. But I think Real's strength is enough to win."

Real, who are coached by a Dutchman, Leo Beenhakker, could hardly have reached their record fifteenth semi-final in this competition by a more dangerous route. In the first round, Real were drawn against Maradona's club, Napoli, and, because of a UEFA suspension, were forced to play the home leg behind closed doors; in the second round they had to face Porto, the holders, with the "home" leg away in Valencia; and in the quarter-finals they drew Bayern Munich.

By comparison, PSV's progress to this stage of the competition has not been overimpressive. In the first round, they allowed a three-goal lead against Galatasaray, of Turkey, to be cut to one in the away leg; earned a commendable home and away victory against Rapid Vienna in the second round, and qualified for the semi-finals only on the away-goal rule against Bordeaux.

It is in the Dutch League, which they won last season by six points and are leading this season by eight, that PSV have looked outstanding side. Apart from seven Dutch internationals, the club boasts the experience of Danes such as Lerby and Arnesen.

But PSV were not exactly dancing in their clogs with delight at the draw. A glum Kees Ploegsma, the PSV manager, remarked: "We wanted Benfica. It will be a wonderful game for the public, but for us. . . ."

SEMI-FINAL DRAWS: Champions' Cup: Steaua Bucharest v Benfica; Real Madrid v PSV Eindhoven. Cup Winners' Cup: Marseilles v Ajax; Mechelen v Atalanta Bergamo. UEFA Cup: Bruges v Español; Bayer Leverkusen v Werder Bremen. First legs to be played on April 6, return legs on April 20.

Game with an extra dimension

The reputation of Scottish football will be at stake, along with the routine two points, at Ibrox tomorrow when Rangers meet Celtic for the final time this season.

Five months ago the match between the pair at the same venue ended in criminal proceedings, after Chris Woods and Terry Butcher of Rangers were ordered off, along with Celtic striker Frank McAvennie.

Those three, and Graham Roberts, of Rangers, were subsequently charged with behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace and the "Old Firm" quartet are due to appear in court next month.

Tomorrow's action will be live on television which should encourage the players of both sides to remember that points for the team are preferable to additional points on their own disciplinary records.

"I hope the game is remembered for the good football played," the Celtic manager, Billy McNeill, said. "We must make sure that it is an enjoyable spectacle and not marred for whatever reason."

The Parkhead side hold a four-point lead over Rangers in the title race with a game in hand.

Lyle leads quintet chasing Azinger

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

Almost inevitably, Sandy Lyle led the European quintet at the Bay Hill Classic with a 68 on a very calm and sunny opening day at Arnold Palmer's 7,103-yard, par-71 course.

Ian Woosnam, looking tired from jet lag and suffering the after-effects of flu, scored a 70; Ken Brown, with one drive just out of bounds, had a 71; Bernhard Langer, still very uncertain which way his shots are going, a 72; and Des Smyth, of Ireland, brought up the rear with a 76.

Paul Azinger, who so nearly won the Open Championship from Nick Faldo at Muirfield last year, and Andrew Magee shared the lead on 66. Magee, aged 25, was born into a military family in Paris, and played in Europe in 1984, finishing fifth in the Dutch Open and seventh in the Irish.

Lyle was one of nine players on 68, Rodger Davis and Greg Norman, of Australia, had 71 and 73 respectively. Tom Watson scored a 74, after an outward 41 during which he was in three lakes, while Palmer, the host, who went out with a 33 with a new putter, eventually struggled to a 72.

"What a beautiful day," Payne Stewart, the defending champion, exclaimed after his 68, and indeed it was. We are far enough north to feel the gentle approach of spring, and the birds in the budding trees were in loud voice, although there is a dramatic change in the weather predicted for the weekend.

Lyle was in much more trouble than usual but his recovery shots were excellent and his putting, for once, had some class. Woosnam, although looking paunchy and pale beside the lean, bronzed regulars, was every inch the hard-nosed pro, as he slipped easily into much of his best game again.

He began a trifle unsteadily, pulling his first two tee-shots, but he got away with it. By the end, he was looking very much himself: the stocky Briton was hitching up his trousers or leaning on his driver, gazing vaguely into the distance and thinking, no doubt, of bed.

LEADING SCORERS (US unless stated): 66: P Azinger; A Magee. 68: D Forsman; A Lyle (GB); D Pooley; T Purtzer; J Sindelar; P Stewart; C Strange; R Watkins; D Watson (Zim). 69: R Blancalana; J Carter; K Clearwater; P Jacobsen; T Kite; W Levi; B Lietzke; R Mediate; L Mize; R Murphy; M Wiebe.

No place in cup for champion

By Patricia Davies

Not even winning the most coveted women's amateur title has secured Janet Collingham a place in Britain's team to defend the Curtis Cup against the United States in June, but Diane Bailey, the team captain, says she is delighted with the selection.

Joan Lawrence, the chairman of the selectors, was not prepared to explain the decision before today's announcement of the team to play at Royal St George's on June 10 and 11.

Bailey, who led the team to a historic victory at Prairie Dunes two years ago but who does not have a vote, said: "A title alone doesn't guarantee a place. It is not going to intimidate the Americans and I think for the course there are better players.

"At our final training session last weekend, Janet was struggling and was not making the carries in some cases. It is essential to hit a long ball round St George's and I think we've got the best players for the course and match. It's a strong, well-balanced side, including four players from the previous match, who know they can beat the Americans."

The four are Jill Thornhill, Karen Davies, Claire Hourihane and Vicky Thomas and they are joined by Linda Bayman, Susan Shapcott, Julie Wade and Shirley Lawson, who will all be making their debuts.

Collingham's misfortune is Lawson's good luck. The Scot is one of four newcomers who has yet to do herself justice in a major championship. She is a powerful striker

The selectors, have had plenty of opportunity to assess Collingham since she became British match play champion. She played for England in the home internationals and was also chosen for the Vagliano Trophy and the Commonwealth team. In the three events she played five singles matches and won only one.

Lawson has a chirpy personality and Bailey sets such store by team spirit that Collingham's quiet, introverted nature is unlikely to have helped her cause.

Linda Bayman, one of the game's great extroverts, at last gained her Curtis Cup place and will celebrate her fortieth birthday on June 10.

TEAM: L Bayman (Berkshire), K Davies (Wrexham), C Hourihane (Woodbrook), S Lawson (Eastwood), S Shapcott (Knowle), Vicki Thomas (Pernard), J Thornhill (Walton Heath), J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry). Reserves: E Higgins (Douglas), H Wadsworth (Prince's), J Forbes (Aboyne), E R McDaid (Skibbereen).

Oxford rally and close gap late in the day

By a Special Correspondent

Oxford, very much the underdogs, staged a magnificent rally during the closing stages of the foursomes at rain-sodden Royal Porthcawl yesterday, to keep alive interest in the 99th University match.

For a long time it looked as though Cambridge would whitewash their opponents and make themselves almost certain to retain the Grant Thornton Trophy — there has not been a 5-0 foursomes success since 1969 at Formby — but Oxford fought back in the worsening weather to reduce the deficit to three matches to one with one halved.

Cambridge established a substantial early advantage in two of their matches with Jamie Rumble, the secretary, and Tim Grew looking particularly impressive against Angus Chilvers, the Oxford captain, and Chris White.

They won three of the first four holes, and despite a spirited revival in the middle of the first round by their rivals, went on to win by six and five. Gordon MacSween, the Cambridge captain, and Melvyn Williams also won by that margin after producing some of the best figures of the day.

Then came a comprehensive victory by James Skelton and Martin Ebert; although that was the end of the Cambridge honeymoon as Ian Ward and Nick Peplow, two up at the halfway stage on Tom Tew and the cricket blue, Ian Henderson, went down on the home green, and Angus Wildblood and Ian Maddaford also with their noses in front at lunch, could manage only a share of the honours with Justin Higgo and Daniel Shaw.

FOURSOMES RESULTS (Oxford names first): A Chilvers (Radley and St Benet's Hall) and C White (Charterhouse and Exeter) lost to J Rumble (Haberdashers Askes and St Catharines) and T Grew (Repton and Sidney Sussex), 6 and 5; R Rinaldi (Brigham and Oriel) and N Burke (Bishop Wordsworth and Lady Margaret Hall) lost to J Skelton (Shrewsbury and Trinity) and M Ebert (Godfrey and Fitzwilliam), 4 and 3; T Dickens (Bucknell and Keble) and R Youngman (Sherbourne and Trinity) lost to G MacSween (Glasgow Academy and Emmanuel) and M Williams (Imperial College and Jesus), 6 and 5; T Tew (Merchant Taylors and Wolfson) and I Henderson (Laxton and Pembroke) beat I Ward (Scarborough College and Selwyn) and N Peplow (Trent College and Jesus), 2 holes; J Higgo (Lancing and Christchurch) and D Shaw (Haberdashers Askes and Mansfield) halved with A Wildblood (Tonbridge and Trinity) and I Maddaford (Harvey Grammar and Fitzwilliam).

Kelly keeps the Army forwards in check

By Sydney Friskin

Army	2
RAF	0

The Army took a firm step towards retaining the Services title by defeating the Royal Air Force at Portsmouth yesterday in the first match of the round-robin series.

Highly skilled in attack and more compact in defence, the Army had most of the play and, but for the splendid goalkeeping of Kelly, they would have won more handsomely.

The RAF, with rather limited resources, did well to hold the Army in check for 25 minutes despite conceding four short corners. Although, from the third of these awards, Jennings had a goal disallowed for a dangerous shot, in the twenty sixth minute, he took a free hit from outside the circle from which the ball ran loose to Mears who scooped it into the goal to put the Army ahead. Four minutes later, Jennings converted from a short corner indirectly to increase the lead.

The second half was a stirring battle between Kelly and the Army forwards. Although the RAF now conceded as many as eight short corners, in this period, Kelly stood up gallantly to fierce shots from Jennings, Hazlitt and Gordon to prevent what would have been a landslide. In the RAF's attack only Clinton and Morris stood out.

The Army under-21s thus achieved a double over the RAF their under-21 side having won 3-1 earlier in the day. Mastroianni, Demiranda and Hemens scoring, while Hughes replied for the RAF.

ARMY: Capt N Haddock, S/Sgt M Downey, Lt P Bovill, Lt B Hemmings, Sgt I Jennings, Cpl J Day, Capt N Gordon, 2/Lt S Hazlitt, Spr M Hunnisett, Capt A Mears, Sub Lt A Jackson.
RAF: Cpl T Kelly; Cpl I Barrett, P/O I Barclay, SAC Z Hussain, Flt/Lt S Bolton, Cpl A Lee, Fg/O F McLean, SAC P Hart, Sgt T Slater, C/Tech I Clinton, Flt/Lt P Morris.
Umpires: Col G Gadd and Sgt J Patel.

● Kulbir Bhaura, the England and Great Britain forward, will captain Middlesex in the county championship match against Surrey today at Brunel University ground, West Drayton. Surrey, who are sponsored by Pinewood Toyota, led by Gallimore, of Richmond, have an equally powerful team and are at home tomorrow to Sunto Oxfordshire at Whitgift School, South Croydon and will play their final divisional game against Kent at Canterbury on March 26.

In the northern division, Yorkshire travel to Liverpool for today's "Roses" match against a Lancashire side smarting from a 2-0 defeat by Cheshire last week. Yorkshire are in a strong position, having beaten Cheshire 3-1 and Durham 2-0 and another win will enhance their chances of a place in the national rounds of the championship.

SPORTS COUNCIL

Enriching the lives of the unemployed

By John Goodbody

Sport cannot solve the problem of unemployment, but it can help enrich the lives of unemployed people, says a report published yesterday by the Sports Council, which examines the success of local authority sports provision for those out of work, and records that all but 111 local authorities now run concession schemes.

But there is a wide variation of usage in these schemes. Some attract a high level of participation, but others have little custom. The report states that the key to success is recruiting the right staff, and experts in sport are not always suitable to motivate long-term unemployed.

The report says that it is essential to meet the needs of people out of work, rather than simply try to fill slack periods. It is also vital to gain the support of the managers of facilities, some of whom regard the unemployed as potential troublemakers.

Although the authors conclude that well-organized schemes can both increase the traffic through sports facilities and enrich the lives of unemployed people, such schemes are no substitute for paid work, admitting that the priorities, concerns and ambitions of most of them lie outside the realm of sport and recreation.

One local authority, Wrexham Maelor Borough Council, graphically comments: "At the end of the day, most people want work. They do not want to play badminton. With some of these schemes, it is a bit like putting bandages over the symptoms."

Local Authority Sports Provision for the Unemployed, by Sue Glyptis and Caroline Pack (available from the Sports Council, 16, Upper Woburn Place, London, WC1 OQP), £10.95 (including postage).

A dynamo behind Colne's success

By Paul Newman

If Colne Dynamoes reach the final of the FA Vase at Wembley next month, Graham White will receive due credit. He founded the Lancashire club in 1963, spent many years as a player and now manages and provides much of the financial backing.

White takes Colne today to Sudbury Town, the Building Scene Eastern League champions, for the first leg of their Vase semi-final. It is only Colne's second season in the competition: in the extra preliminary round last season they lost 5-4 away to St Helens Town, the eventual winners.

Having progressed through the West Lancashire League and Lancashire combination into the Bass North West Counties League, Colne now hope to win promotion to the Northern premier League. A policy of signing experienced players has brought several former League men to Holt House, including Peter Sayer, the former Welsh international. The most successful recruit has been Mick Wood, the former Rochdale forward, who has scored 34 goals this season.

In the other semi-final, Emley of the Northern Counties East League, travel to Bashley, the Wessex champions. Emley, who lost to St Helens at this stage last year, are favourites.

Champions in desperate need of victory

By George Ace

Bundled out of the Irish Cup by Portadown and four points behind Glentoran in the league, Linfield face Coleraine at Windsor Park today needing to win if they are not to bid farewell to the league pennant that has fluttered proudly over their home for the past six seasons.

Even a win leaves Linfield dependent on a club holding Glentoran before the teams meet at the Oval on April 16. Glentoran, favourites for a league and cup double, are away to Ards with Manley, their forward, recovered from the leg injury that has kept him out of the last two games.

● Newcastlewest, the League of Ireland first division club, yesterday resigned from the league following Wednesday's decision by the Football Association of Ireland to award their fifth round FAI Cup tie to Cobh Ramblers.

Newcastlewest won the match 4-2 but Cobh lodged a protest that an ineligible player had taken part. An FAI emergency committee will discuss the situation.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Arsenal v Newcastle
Dixon, Arsenal's recent signing, plays at right back, and Sansom is rested. Richardson also sits it out, allowing Davis to start his first game in three months following a hernia operation. Mirandinha (thigh injury) and Peter Jackson (influenza) have been ruled out of the Newcastle side.

Coventry v Derby
Kilcline, who received a thigh injury in midweek, is included in the Coventry team, as is Pickering, who has missed the last matches with a twisted knee. Stapleton, signed on loan from Ajax, makes his debut for Derby.

Nottm For v Man United
Whiteside, who has completed his suspension but has had trouble with an ankle injury, came through training yesterday and has been added to the United squad. Forest will be unchanged.

Oxford v Chelsea
Oxford are hoping that Greenall, their new signing who damaged ankle ligaments on his debut, and Phillips, who injured a leg before being sent off in midweek, will be fit. Chelsea are unchanged.

QPR v Norwich
Norwich, unbeaten on their last five matches on artificial pitches, are unchanged. Dennis is set to return after his eight-match suspension because Falco has a back injury.

Sheff Wed v Portsmouth
Quinn plays his last game for Wednesday before suspension. In the Wednesday team, Fee is the likely replacement for Pearson, who broke an ankle last week.

Southampton v Charlton
Charlton are likely to be unchanged even though Campbell is fit again. Moore, Southampton's only ever-present, is forced out by a knee injury. Blake deputizes.

West Ham v Watford
Rosenior makes his debut for West Ham who include Parkes in their squad for the first time in a year. But McAlister, who has an injured knee, is expected to resume in goal. Rimmer, signed from Chester, will make his debut for Watford. Hodges is suspended.

Wimbledon v Tottenham
Gayle, who was sent off in last week's FA Cup quarter-final, could be dropped in favour of Young, who substituted for him. Hodge, who has missed the last 10 games because of suspension and injuries, is added to the Tottenham side which lost against Norwich. Claesen, who came on as substitute and scored, is also in the squad.

Tomorrow
Everton v Liverpool
Reid and Mountfield are added to the 13 on duty for Everton last week. Liverpool, who name the same 15 who travelled to Derby in midweek, give a late tests to McMahon, who has an ankle injury, and Aldridge, who has missed three games with a thigh injury.

CRICKET

A weekend of action in London

The indoor cricket season reaches a climax this weekend with the finals of the national six-a-side and eight-a-side competitions in London (Marcus Williams writes).

Hereford City, Narborough and Littlethorpe (Leicestershire), Pudsey St Lawrence (Yorkshire — Sir Len Hutton's first club) and Highgate (Middlesex), all previous finalists, contest the six-a-sides at Lord's tomorrow. Manchester, Walsall (the holders), Hounslow and either Ipswich, Rochdale or Wolverhampton — these three meet in a play-off today — are in the eight-a-side finals, also tomorrow, at Beckton, east London.

The contrasting nature of the two versions of the game is clearly reflected in the venues and the sponsors. The six-a-sides, now in their thirteenth season, are played in full cricketing regalia by established clubs to keep them in practice during the winter. Their finals are in the Indoor School at the game's headquarters and supported by a bank, Barclays.

The eight-a-sides, born in Australia and in only their second season of national competition in England, are played in coloured clothing and batsmen need no pads or gloves to face a rubber ball. It is claimed to be Britain's fastest growing indoor sport.

The finals are at the Indoor Cricket Pavilion, one of around 30 purpose-built arenas

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

DOWNPATRICK: St Patrick's Day 5-mile road race: 1, P McCavana (Olympic AC), 24min 16sec; 2, M Shields (Olympic AC), 24.26; 3, T Breen (Olympic AC), 24.47. Team: Olympic AC, Belfast, 6pts. Women: D Kirk (Downpatrick), 31.12.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Quarter-finals: Barcelona (Sp) 102, Tracer Milan (It) 87; Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 99, Saturn Cologne (WG) 110.
CARLSBERG CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offs: Quarter-finals, second leg: MIM Livingston 102, Bracknell Tigers 85. Series level after two matches.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) games: Detroit Pistons 102, Cleveland Cavaliers 98.
UNITED STATES: NCAA college tournament: First round: East: Rhode Island 87, Missouri 80; Syracuse 69, North Carolina A and T 55; Southern Methodist 85, Notre Dame 75; Duke 85, Boston U 69. Southwest: Auburn 80, Bradley 66; Oklahoma 94, Tennessee Chat 68; BYU 98, NC Charlotte 92; Louisville 70, Oregon St 61. Midwest: Purdue 94, Fairleigh Dickinson 79; Memphis State 75, Baylor 60; Kansas State 66, Lasalle 53; Depaul 63, Wichita State 62. West: North Carolina 83, North Texas State 65; Loyola Marymount 119, Wyoming 115; Michigan 63, Boise St 58; Florida 82, St Johns 59.

NORDIC SKIING

OSLO: World Cup event: Ski jumping section: 1, T Maruyma (Jap), 215.3pts; 2, R Abrahamsen (Nor), 213.4; 3, T Loekken (Nor), 210.2; 4, T Bredesen (Nor), 208.9; K Sutzenbacher (Austria), 208.9; 6, G Vatlon (Austria), 205.4; H Kempf (Switz), 205.4; 8, H Pohl (WG), 203.9; 9, I Olsen (Nor), 203.4; 10, H Aschenwald (WG), 200.5; 11, A Schaad (Switz), 200.2; 12, H Schwarz (WG), 200.1; 13, T Prenzel (EG), 199.8; 14, G Czar (Austria), 198.4; 15, J Holland (US), 195.6. Overall World Cup positions: 1, K Sutzenbacher (Austria), 126pts; 2, T Loekken (Nor), 88; 3, A Schaad (Switz), 72.

SKIING

MERRINGEN, Switzerland: Freestyle World Cup: Women: 1, C Kissling (Switz), 25.5pts; 2, C Rossi (Fr), 25.2; 3, L Barma (Can), 23.7. Men: 1, L Spona (US), 25.9; 2, H Reitberger (WG), 25.8; 3, R Kristiansen (Nor), 24.8. Final World Cup positions: Women: 1, Rossi, 82pts; 2, J Bacher (US), 80; 3, Kissling, 74. Men: 1, Reitberger, 178pts; 2, Spona, 158; 3, Kristiansen, 154.

BOXING

SUNDERLAND: Professional promotion: Light-middleweight (10rds for Northern Area championship): Ken Foreman (Hartlepool) bt Graham Arnold (South Shields), pts. Light-welght (4rds): Harry Escott (Sunderland) bt Ian Honeywood (Peterborough), rsc 4th. British bantamweight championship (12rds): Billy Hardy (Sunderland, holder) bt John Hyland (Liverpool), ko 2nd. Light-welter: K Plant (Doncaster) bt Davy Henderson (Newcastle), pts. Heavy: David Jules (Doncaster) bt Peter Fury (Hastington), rsc 2nd.
SEOUL: Seoul Cup international amateur tournament (South Korean unless stated): Light-flyweight: Oh Young-Ho bt Kim Oh-Kon, pts; Oh Kwang-Soo bt K Mamoru (Japan). Fly: Kim Kwang-Sun bt Kim Yong-Sang, pts; T Todorov (Bul) bt A Paksaiv (USSR). Bantam: Seo Jung-Soo bt Byun Jung-Il, pts; A Artemiev (USSR) bt Hur Young-Mo, pts. Feather: K Mihaic (USSR) bt Lee Jae-Hyuk, pts; K Kirkorov (Bul) bt A Abdelmak (Mor). Light: A Zulov (EG) bt H Satpru (Jap), pts; K Tsou bt M Kamal (Mor). Light-welter: (63.5 kg): M Conrad Elliott (GB) bt G Cheney (Aus); Kim Ki-taek bt Kim Si-Young, pts. Welter: Nyman Joni (Fin) bt N Horsru (Japan), rsc 3rd; V Ersov (USSR) bt S Sandor (Hun). Light-middle: A Sayenov (Bul) bt E Reimer (EG), ko 1st; R Woodhall (GB) bt Yoo Chang-Hyun, pts. Middle: R Tarasnov (USSR) bt D Aneg (Alg), pts; H Maska (EG) bt K Bryant (US), pts. Light-heavy: Min Byong-Yong stopped bt Il Sae-il, rsc 1st. R Swetovkas (EG) bt D Sturo (Yug), w.o.. Heavy: U Anatlov (USSR) bt Baik Hyun-Man, pts; G Akvas (Hun) bt A Golota (Pol), pts. Super-heavy: U Kadan (EG) bt Baik Young-sang, rsc 2nd; A Maroshnacheno (USSR) bt Otowigho Uba (Nig), pts.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS' MATCHES: Kingston GS 3, Charterhouse 0; St George's 3, Weybridge 3, Dulwich College 0; Sir Roger Manwood's 5, Dover 0; Sherborne 1, Canford 4.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Mossley 12, St Marys College, Dublin, 43; Marlow 10, Blackrock College 9.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Herts County Clubs 12, Middlesex Clubs 26.

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: George Wingate amateur singles championship: Quarter-final: I Snell bt C Dean, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-0. Semi-finals: J Snow bt J Symonds, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1; I Snell bt J Ward, w.o.

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Group B: Nigeria 1, Cameroun 1; Egypt 3, Kenya 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Grimsby 1, Man City 1.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier Division: Leyton-Wingate 3, Tooting and Mitcham 1. Second division north: Hornchurch 0, Witham 2. Second division south: Camberley 1, Chertsey 5.

CRICKET

PERTH, Australia: Sheffield Shield: Bank: Queensland 245 for six (A Border 66, R Kerr 46; C Matthews tour for 75) v Western Australia.

SKI JUMPING

MELDAL, Norway: World Cup: 90-metre event: 1, E Johnsen (Nor), 122.9pts; 2, O Stronmeier (Austria), 115.1; 3, J Malec (Cz), 112.9. 4, P Tasalloen (Swe), 110.6; 5, J Kjoerum (Nor), 108.8; 6, L Diunos (Cz) 106.7; 7, O Rotsetoel (Nor), 105.0; 8, H Hunger (EG), 101.3; 9, C Braaten (Nor), 99.8; 10, P Dacos (Yug), 99.5; 11, A Daun (Swe), 98.7; 12, F Kuzzen (Switz), 97.7; 13, D Mollard (Fr), 97.5; 14, H Persson (Nor), 95.3; 15, M Tepez (Yug), 93.9. Overall World Cup positions: 1, M Nykaenen (Fin), 270pts; 2, P Ploc (Cz), 165; 3, J Panme (Cz), 120.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND
Cairngorm: stormbound. Glenshee: upper and middle runs and lower slopes complete, new snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 2000ft hib and main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe-supper runs and lower slopes, complete, wide snow cover, new snow drifting (at the time); vertical runs, 2000ft hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Lecht: upper and middle runs, complete, wide snow cover with icy patches; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 700ft hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: Glencoe: cloudy with periods of heavy rain and hill fog; becoming rather cloudy early morning with scattered rain showers. Cairngorms, Lecht, Glenshee: cloudy with periods of rain, heavy at times, with hill fog; early morning, sunny intervals mainly dry; mild everywhere with freezing level 4,000ft; wind south-westerly fresh to strong. Outlook for Sunday: staying mild, bout of cloudy weather with rain at levels, heavy at times, spreading from south west on Sunday morning followed in afternoon by sunny intervals and some rain showers; winds strong at times mainly south westerly.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Holders defend

The All England women's lacrosse clubs and colleges tournament has attracted 36 clubs with holders Putney, Weybridge, Edinburgh Ladies and Centaurs seeded at Merton today. Tomorrow 21 mixed teams are among the 38 sides competing in the Carlton Berry Cup.

Gilks honour

The badminton international Gillian Gilks, England's most-capped women's player, who has enjoyed lively exchanges with the national association during a successful career, has been named Badminton Writers' Association player of the year. Gilks, aged 37, has won every major honour in the game except a world title.

Cram enters

Steve Cram takes on European 5,000 metres champion Jack Buckner over the streets of Newcastle on April 6. The General Portfolio 5,000m will also feature Olympic 10,000m medallist Mike McLeod and former Tyneside street race winner Steve Harris.

Match rearranged

The University rugby league match between Oxford and Cambridge, postponed on Tuesday because the Headingley pitch was waterlogged, will now be played there on April 19.

BASKETBALL

Kellybrew may hold the key to honours

Bracknell Tigers' second appearance at Wembley in four years is threatened by an injury to Brian Kellybrew that could prove decisive tonight when the Berkshire club meet MIM Livingston in the decisive quarter-final Carlsberg championship play-off at The Forum (Nicholas Harling writes).

The 6ft 5in American forward injured his foot during Bracknell's victory against MIM last Saturday; and aggravated it on Thursday when the Scots squared the series with their comprehensive 102-85 home win.

Even though Kellybrew "was literally playing on one leg", as Mark Dunning, the Bracknell coach, put it, the visitors staged a spirited recovery in the second half to reduce their interval leeway of 51-31 to 75-68 with seven minutes left. "If we'd had a healthy Kellybrew when we'd got it down to seven then, we would have won," Dunning claimed. "But we know he will perform on one leg for us if necessary in the third game."

With Ralton Way "just shooting the lights out," according to Dunning, MIM, who had welcomed back Lewis Young after his return from America — following the death of his mother — gained the initiative from the start. "They just outplayed us," Dunning said.

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Davies is fit for the vital game

By Gerald Davies

Jonathan Davies, the Welsh stand-off half, declared himself fit yesterday to play against France this afternoon at Cardiff Arms Park. Having suffered a calf injury at Wednesday night's team training session, he went through a fitness test yesterday morning at Stradey Park, Llanelli, under the scrutiny of Derek Quinnell, the assistant national coach, then announced that he would be able to play.

This will be a source of immense relief, not only to the player himself but also to those who see his presence as crucial to the Welsh team's fortunes in their attempt, at this final obstacle, to achieve the grand slam. Even though some niggling doubts may remain about the fullness of the recovery, coming as the injury did at such a late stage, it will give the player satisfaction to know that he can play his part in so vital a game.

With his talent, derring-do and confidence and the high platform of the game to which he aspires, he wants the kind of theatre, with all that is at stake, which today's match provides but which has been noticably absent in recent seasons at the Arms Park.

It has been a barren time for Wales this decade. Unlike the 10-year period which began in 1969, when they won the championship outright eight times, shared it once with France, whilst also being involved in that curious five-way tie in 1973, the 1980s have seen seasons pass by without a remote hint that a single such achievement should come Wales's way. During the 1970s six triple crowns were won. That particular hurdle has been overcome this season.

There were three grand slam wins, too — in 1971, 1976, and 1978 — and it is such an accolade that awaits them this afternoon to add to the 16 that have been won, all told, since Wales were the first to do so of all the other countries in 1908. Even if they lose they can at least share the five nations' championship with France.

Not since 1979 has anything of the sort come their way and we must go back to the years between 1922 and 1931 for such a similar lean time for the Welsh.

They end the championship campaign with a team showing only two forced changes from that which began it. Not so France. If Wales, in attempting, and mostly succeeding, with some broad

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expansive strokes of play, have not shown any comprehensive authority — which such style often precludes — then France have, as unexpectedly, been less than convincing themselves. They were firm favourites to run away with the spoils to begin with. But both England and Scotland, in their different, defiant fashion, promptly dented that reputation and changes have been made from their original personnel.

In addition they have been forced, through injury, to reconstitute their team from the one chosen for this afternoon. Orso, at lock, is replaced by Condom; Camberabero by Lescaboura at stand-off and Bérot by Lafond on the wing. Even as late as yesterday there was an injury scare to Cecillon, the flanker.

In the absence of their original stand-off half and wing, it is Lafond who will do the place kicking, an area which has been lacking in accuracy this season. If Camberabero kicked only one of five penalties against Ireland, as well as missing with three attempts at a dropped goal, France have converted only two of their seven tries, and these by Bérot. If Lescaboura may be the second choice kicker today, it will be remembered that it was his boot which collected 17 points in the 21-16 victory in 1984. This was the first win in 16 years in Cardiff.

Moreover, France now come to see whether they can record a sixth consecutive win against Wales, which no other side in the northern hemisphere has achieved.

Norster, once again, will be a vital figure for Wales in the lineout and he must wish for better protection from his own players and fewer disruptive tactics than was the case against Ireland. And with rain in the last couple of days, it will need to be controlled possession against the taller French. Control, too, is necessary in the scrum where the Scots maintain both packs were equal. An edge here can give either side an edge elsewhere.

Both sets of backs can be inventive in their time even if Andrieu's and Sella's power contrasts with Ring's and Bowen's preference for the spaces. There should be an interesting duel between Jones and Berbizier at scrum half, both of whom returned with plaudits from the World Cup.

This will be especially so if the pitch surface is not as firm as others have been throughout the championship so far. The French scrum half has been well served by his back row. Jones has not been in so happy a position. The Welsh trio at the back of the scrum, often insecure, have their work cut out against the most formidable trio in the series.



Close-quarter work: French forwards getting down to it as they hunt the ball in practice at Cardiff University yesterday

Tyson banks on cashing in with numbers game

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Tokyo

The Big Egg, as the Tokyo Dome is known, could turn into a golden one for Mike Tyson when he defends his world heavyweight title here against Tony Tubbs at 3 a.m. GMT on Monday.

But the transformation rests not so much with Tyson as with Tubbs. If the 234lb Cincinnati heavyweight can stay there long enough to give the 50,000 Japanese, who have paid £9.5 million to see the two Americans, their money's worth, Tyson could be invited back for even more than the $9 million he is making from his defence and ancilliaries here.

Because of the rise and rise of the yen, the Japanese have developed a craving for big foreign entertainment. According to Tyson's co-manager, Bill Cayton, nowhere is Tyson-mania greater than in Japan. But in a land where one teabag costs £1.50, value for money is all important. The accent then is on entertainment rather than the spectacular, quick knock-outs that Tyson specializes in.

The press release from the Japanese promoters said: "Mr Andy Williams will sing the US national anthem. Mr Andy Williams is a very popular singer not only in US but Japan and Europe. He has many big hits such as "Moon River", "Love Story" and "Godfather". Mr Toshimitsu Kimura (the assistant professor of vocal music, Tokyo University) will sing the Japanese anthem." Mr Mick Jagger, who was banned for some years from Japan, will be taking the stage two days later.

The promoters picked Tubbs from the list of six top heavyweights given to them by Cayton and his co-manager, Jim Jacobs. The Japanese believe that the 30-year-old former world champion is an accomplished boxer and can last the distance if he wants to survive. But if Tubbs puts his fist where his mouth is and meets Tyson blow for blow, the bout will go no more than two or three rounds. The champion has been showing ferocious form in the gym. Even Alexis Arguello, the former triple world champion, was left open-mouthed watching Tyson at work.

Tubbs talks a good fight. He believes that he has worked out how to beat Tyson. He explained: "Tyson takes the



Tubbs: talks a good fight

pace out of his opponents. He does not let them settle into a comfortable rhythm. You will notice he knocks everybody out because when he starts to launch his attack they go on the backfoot. Tyson is a man with a baseball bat and if you are going backwards he can hit you with it.

"If instead of going backwards you meet him as he *threatens to launch himself* then he can't hit you with the baseball bat and you can take the pace out of his young mind, break him down and make him think. If you make him think you have the fight won.

"But you have to watch Tyson. He is short, awkward and fast. When he gets down you know he is coming. You must break with him or he will break you."

Tubbs also reasons that if the bout goes the distance he will not get the verdict. "With all those millions of dollars down the road in Atlantic City and London waiting for them, no way am I going to get the verdict if I win on points. I will have to frustrate him and stop him. I'm ready. I'm 234lb." Tubbs claimed that according to a computer study, his best weight is between 228 and 234lb.

Tyson's camp are taking Tubbs's talk seriously. Kevin Rooney, Tyson's trainer, said:

Tale of the tape

Tyson		Tubbs
21	Age	30
15st 10lb	Weight	16st 10lb
5ft 11in	Height	6ft 2in
71in	Reach	81in
	Chest	
43in	Normal	43in
45in	Expanded	45in
16in	Biceps	15in
14in	Forearm	13in
34in	Waist	36in
27in	Thigh	28in
18in	Calf	16in
19¾in	Neck	17in
8in	Wrist	8in
13in	Fist	12in
11in	Ankle	10in
	RECORDS	

Tyson: 33 wins (29 KOs), 0 defeats.
Tubbs: 24 wins (15 KOs), 1 defeat.

"Tubbs might try to slug it out at first but when he finds it difficult he could decide to take the survival route. We know he is a good boxer but we also know that he's too heavy and will slow down."

Rooney added: "I know he is going to use his arms and elbows and try to frustrate Mike as Bonecrusher did. But those days are gone. Mike is a different fighter now." Rooney explained that Tyson had learned not to fall in with his opponents' holding tactics.

Jose Torres, the former world light-heavyweight champion who, like Tyson, boxed for Cus D'Amato, believed that Tyson's opponents are so overawed by his punching power that they neglect to take account of his incredible hand and foot speed. "He is not only fast but difficult to hit as well because he is never still," Torres said.

Apart from Tyson's speed and power, the champion has the ability to produce devastating blows according to a sequence of numbers. It is a method that could serve Nigel Benn, the West Ham middleweight, well. *And is worth the attention of Benn's imaginative trainer, Brian Lynch.*

The system, which was devised by D'Amato, has numbers for blows corresponding with numbers on the target area. Through practice over the years Tyson has learned to produce any combination of numbers on command.

The system is particularly effective when the opponent falls into a boxing pattern. The assistant trainer, Matt Baransky, finds the numbers that fit the pattern and gives them to Tyson at the end of the round, or even shouts them out

The effect can be as shattering as was the earthquake early yesterday morning. All week the hotel had been making strange creaking noises like an old ship. Now it started to sway violently and my bed began to behave like a trampoline. An American colleague said: "At first I thought Tubbs had fallen out of bed again." Tubbs could feel the shock waves on Monday.

Champion has low fertility

By Christopher Goulding

Dancing Brave, the champion European racehorse in 1986, has failed through his infertility to get the six mares he recently covered in foal. Last November the stallion was fighting for his life after contracting *Marie's Disease*.

The stallion, valued at £14 million before he was retired to stud, was an outstanding racehorse, his most notable victory coming in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe where he beat the *best in Europe*.

The principal shareholders of the stallion are the Arabs, who dominate Flat racing throughout the world. These include Khaled Abdulla, in whose colours the stallion ran, Sheikh Mohammed and the Maktoum brothers.

The stallion has offspring from his first crop at stud where he covered 40 mares and 38 were tested in foal. The first was born in January at Sheikh Mohammed's Aston Upthorpe Stud in Oxfordshire. At the last count 30 of *the mares have* successfully produced foals.

***Marie's Disease* is very rare in horses and in Dancing Brave's case the troubled stemmed from Avian Tuberculosis. The stallion was treated with pain-killers and antibiotics but it was not until January that he showed signs that all was well again.**

Apparently fully recovered last month, he was expected to cover 50 mares this season. After covering six mares he was tested by Martin Boyle, of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association Equine Fertility Unit, and he found a sub-normal fertility.

Robert Acton, the general manager of the Dalham Hall Stud, near Newmarket, where the stallion is stabled, said yesterday: "*Given time it is* hoped that his fertility will return to normal.

"It is important to emphasize that a stallion's semen takes eight weeks to reach maturity. Therefore semen collected on March 17 contains sperm which was made two months ago, when Dancing Brave was a sick horse."

Hadlee back for series decider

From Alan Lee, Auckland

Richard Hadlee yesterday announced himself fit to return to action against England at Eden Park today, five weeks after limping off the field in Christchurch on the opening day of the first Test match.

At that time, nobody imagined he would be away so long. His own indestructible image was responsible for everyone underestimating his handicap as he had never missed a Test through injury. Now he was to miss two, leaving him stranded alongside Ian Botham on 373 wickets, the record.

Tentative progress over the weeks, spiced by the fear that aggravating the calf injury could terminate his career, have dragged on to produce a theatrical comeback. In the nets yesterday, he stretched out to his full run-up and came out smiling, ready to play in the decisive last of four one-day internationals.

Around 35,000 spectators, more than double the highest attendance so far, were expected to pack into the Auckland ground. It is only the second game on this trip which has captured the public imagination. The first was five weeks ago and Hadlee is the telling factor.

Martin Crowe, who missed New Zealand's remarkably convincing win over England *in Napier* on Wednesday, has also passed himself fit. Only adverse reaction overnight could rule out Crowe or Hadlee, and John Wright, the captain, said: "We want our best team and we are looking to these two for a big contribution."

England, 2-1 up going into the last game, were likely to retain an unchanged team, Graham Dilley having failed another fitness test yesterday.

Pakistan bowlers are battered by Haynes

From Richard Streeton, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Desmond Haynes batted through the West Indies innings as they inflicted heavy punishment on the Pakistan attack in the third Cable and Wireless one-day international here yesterday. Haynes hit a six and 13 fours in his 142 not out as West Indies reached 315 for four from 47 overs.

Haynes and Richardson added 152 in 24 overs for thr second wicket and left the Pakistanis wilting. It was Haynes's tenth one-day century and he made no serious error, although at 85 he figured in an unusual incident when he was given out lbw and then recalled.

He was left hobbling in pain after a ball from Jaffer and the umpire raised his finger when the bowler appealed. Haynes limped the length of the pitch and indicated he had played the ball onto the inside of his knee. Imran spoke to the umpire and the batsman was allowed to resume.

Haynes and Richardson came together after Simmons was out in the sixth over, driving a waist-high catch to deep point.

Qadir's selection was a gamble by Pakistan, who had to win this match to keep the series alive. He is still taking painkillers for his kidney and groin problems. Despite his lack of practice he bowled accurately and got plenty of turn, with his first five overs costing 17 runs.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes not out	142
P V Simmons c Aamir Malik b Anjum	12
R B Richardson c Qadir b Jaffer	78
*C G Greenidge c and b Salim Malik	27
A L Logie c Yousuf b Imran	9
C L Hooper not out	27
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 4)	20
Total(4 wkts, 47 overs)	315

†P J Dujon, W K Benjamin, C A Walsh, E L C Ambrose and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-180, 3-236, 4-270.

BOWLING: Imran 8-0-48-1; Naveed Anjum 9-0-56-1; Saleem Jaffer 9-0-58-1; Abdul Qadir 10-0-64-0; Mudassar Nazar 4-0-32-0; Salim Malik 7-0-41-1.

PAKISTAN: Mudassar Nazar, Ramiz Raja, Aamir Malik, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, *Imran Khan, Ijaz Ahmed, †Saleem Yousuf, Naveed Anjum, Saleem Jaffer, Abdul Qadir.

Umpires: C Cumberbatch, Mohammed Hosein.

Ferry ban on Dutch supporters

By John Goodbody

British and Dutch companies have barred parties of Continental football supporters from using their ferries next week to travel to the international match between England and The Netherlands at Wembley.

A total of 1,300 supporters are expected to visit London for the match, and the British Government has arranged for two liaison officers and eight "spotters" to be at Wembley to assist the Metropolitan Police in crowd control and also the identification of trouble-makers.

Bernard King, operations superintendent with the British Transport Police, said yesterday: "We are not worried about the match, but we are monitoring the situation very closely." Since English clubs were banned from European competitions after the *Heysel stadium disaster in* 1985, the Dutch have succeeded the English as the most feared contingent in Europe.

The match between the two countries in the European championship in West Germany in June is expected to be a major test for English clubs in their ambition to be re-admitted to the European tournaments next season. For Wednesday's dress rehearsal, 1,000 Dutch *supporters are* coming by air on package deals and the remaining 300 by Belgian ferries from Ostend.

Dalglish dourly ignores record

By Ian Ross

Everton can tomorrow regain a semblance of self-respect by denying Liverpool, their inevitable successors as Barclays League champions, the record which has been the talk of football for weeks.

It is ironic that Liverpool's attempt to underline their first division superiority by breaking Leeds United's 14-year-old record of 29 unbeaten games will succeed or fail at Goodison Park, home of their greatest rivals.

Liverpool, having equalled the Leeds record in midweek by drawing against Derby County at the Baseball Ground, remain quietly confident of further enhancing their reputation in front of another television audience (there is a 2.35 p.m. kick-off with the match being covered by ITV), but Everton, too, have reason for encouragement as they are the only side who have inflicted defeat on *Kenny Dalglish's men so far* this season.

That victory — a 1-0 triumph in a Littlewoods Cup third round tie at Anfield in October — has, however, been largely overshadowed by the two subsequent meetings of the clubs.

Liverpool won the first League encounter 2-0 just four days after the defeat and, more recently, took the FA Cup fifth round tie at Goodison Park by the solitary goal.

The moods of the respective managers, Dalglish and Colin Harvey, of Everton, was in sharp contrast yesterday, with the former still reluctant to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of his players.

"This is the big one only in so much as it is the next game. The main object is to get as many points as we can. Whether or not we will have anything to show for that at the end of the season, still remains to be seen," he said.

McMahon, the England international midfield player, is a doubtful starter for Liver*pool after sustaining an ankle* injury in midweek. Aldridge, the Republic of Ireland international forward, is still not fully recovered from a thigh injury which had forced him to miss the last three games.

If McMahon is ruled out, the likelihood is that Molby, the Danish international, will start a senior game for the first time this season.

Although Harvey will end his first season in charge at Everton without a trophy, he was in defiant mood yesterday and went to some lengths to bolster his players' confidence by insisting that they are capable of ending Liverpool's run.

"We do not need the added incentive of denying them a new record," he said. "The fact that we are playing Liverpool is incentive enough. I know my lads can do it and so do they."

Reid, the veteran England international, could return tomorrow after a four-week absence through injury.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Downhill in doubt

Are, Sweden (Reuter) — High winds and driving snow ruled out practice sessions yesterday for a World Cup men's downhill race, putting the event in doubt. World Cup rules state a minimum of two practice sessions before a downhill, but none has yet been staged for the today's race.

Practice was cancelled on Wednesday and Thursday because skis and other equipment had not arrived. The race jury was due to meet last night to decide a new schedule for the weekend.

Out cheaply

Perth (Reuter) — Western Australia captured the wickets of Ian Botham, for nine, and Allan Border, with the second new ball yesterday to take control of the five-day Sheffield Shield cricket final against Queensland. Botham was free to play in the game after the assault case against him was adjurned *until* Wednesday.

Ordered home

The New Zealand Rugby League has ordered Shane Copper, the St Helens captain, to return home by the end of the month to fulfil his contract with Mangere East.



Mennea: coming back fast

Mennea wins

Pietro Mennea, of Italy, who is attempting to become the first male sprinter to appear in five consecutive Olympic Games, returned to competition with a 200 metres victory in Melbourne on Thursday. Mennea, aged 35, the world record holder (19.72sec) and 1980 Moscow Olympic champion, recorded 20.95sec ahead of Fred Martin, of Australia, who ran 21.27sec.

Rackets final

James Male, the new rackets world champion, having beaten John Prenn in the semi-fianl, plays Neil Smith, the professional champion, in tomorrow morning's final of the Celestion open singles championship at Queen's club.

Dang's chance

The Vietnamese-born defender, Hung Dang, of Tottenham, is included in the England under-16 squad for the match against Scotland at Shrewsbury on March 26.

ENGLAND TEAM: Alexander (Wimbledon), Charlton (Huddersfield T), Cole (Arsenal), Dang (Tottenham H), Houghton (Tottenham H), Kavanagh (Birmingham C), Mitchell (Bournemouth), Seymour (Coventry C), Sheppard (Watford), Snelll (Aston Villa), Stamper (Manchester U), Towler (Watford), Turner (Portsmouth), Walker (Tottenham H), Watkins (Crewe A), Williams (Manchester C).

Greens on trial

Lucinda and David Green head the line-up of potential Olympic riders competing at, this weekend's Aldon Horse Trials, near Yeovil

Lendl to play

Monte Carlo (Reuter) — World No. 1 Ivan Lendl has requested and been granted a "wild card" entry to next month's Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament. Lendl, who last played in the tournament in 1985 when he won it, was not originally entered this year. Lendl has not played competitively since an X-ray on 8 March revealed a stress fracture in his right foot.

Speed ice king

Erik Stenlund, of Sweden, who won the world ice speedway title for the second time last weekend, has signed for the British League club, Swindon.

Whelan discovers help from Faldo's mentor

The cost of a transatlantic telephone call and a return *flight to Florida* could pay a handsome dividend for David Whelan, of Durham. The former England boys international from Seaton Carew, collected seven birdies and an eagle in a second round 65 in the Barcelona Open yesterday: then explained how he had taken a leaf from the book of his nearest challenger, Nick Faldo.

Whelan, who played for England juniors in 1978 and *turned professional at 19*, was desperate last November, having failed five times to qualify through the winter PGA school, and fearing he was about to notch a sixth failure.

So he contacted David Leadbetter, Faldo's American-based coach, to plead for help. "I asked if I could go over," Whelan, the overnight leader by one stroke from Faldo, said.

Whelan, who has played in only six tour events in as many years in the paid ranks, finishing nineteenth at La Manga in December, and was so impressed with the advice that helped Faldo win the Open in July that he recently returned for a second visit to Leadbetter after working in his father's restaurant and a glass-blowing business in the winter to earn cash for his tour campaign.

Even so he had to borrow £600 from his family to compete here in spain for a fortnight where he has carried his own clubs to save caddy fees. Whelan's putter did the rest as he swept out in 32 then started back with four birdies. His highlight came at the 15th where a three-wood from fully 250 yards ended only a yard from the flag. But for three putts at the 14th and 17th he would have the record 63 by Tom Watson for this wooded seaside course at El Prat.

Whelan was back in the clubhouse before Faldo began his round. "It put me under a lot of pressure," Faldo said, who showed a champion's resolve in collecting four birdies and an eagle in a 68 to have a four stroke cushion over José-Maria Olazábal, the Spaniard again carding a 69.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 133: D Whelan 65, 68. 134: N Faldo, 66, 68. 138: *J-M Olazábal (Sp), 69, 69. 139: P Teravainen (US), 68, 71; J Rystrom (Swe), 70, 69; J Brand, 70, 69; M Jonsson (Swe), 70, 69; P Harrison, 71, 68; S Bishop, 70, 69; M Allen (US), 66, 73; M Moulland 71, 68. 140: B Lane, 71, 69; J Rutledge (Can), 73, 67; M Mackenzie, 72, 68; I Mosey, 70, 70; *J-M Arruti (Sp), 67, 73.

* denotes amateur.

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By Nicholas

The Government is to carry out a review of aspects of the policing of paramilitary funerals after the brutal murder of the two British soldiers dragged from their car in West Belfast.

The first indications of the Government's thinking are likely to emerge today when Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, makes a statement in the Commons about the killings.

Last night Mr King was in the province studying evidence gathered by the Royal Ulster Constabulary about what happened on Saturday when the two Army corporals were beaten and killed.

He was in telephone contact

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Licence threat to bank

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England threatened to withdraw the merchant banking licence of Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, last year unless Lord Spens resigned as head of corporate finance.

It has also emerged that the Bank of England [illegible] Ansbacher to pass information on the Guinness affair to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Richard Fenton-[illegible], chief executive of Ansbacher, persuaded his board that the Bank of England's threat to withdraw the licence after a full inquiry into Ansbacher was too real to ignore.

He "had no choice but to advise the Directors to resign", which they eventually did "with extreme reluctance". Lord Spens resigned from the bank on January 22 last year.

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Poll win for Kohl's party

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats narrowly held on to their last absolute majority in West Germany, in a state election in Baden-Württemberg, a traditional conservative stronghold. The party's heaviest losses came in rural areas, reflecting discontent on the EEC farm price issue.

Liverpool lose

Everton ended Liverpool's hopes of becoming the first team to remain undefeated for the first 30 games of the season. Report, page 36

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